

Archie
ADVENTURE
SERIES
NO.1 APR. \$1.50

BECAUSE YOU DEMANDED IT-- FROM THE PAGES OF SONIC!

KNUCKLES

The Dark Legion

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE
AUTHORITY





KNUCKLES

The Dark Legion



**Ken
Penders
and
Kent Taylor**
Writers

**Manny
Galan
and
Andrew
Pepoy**
Artists

**Karl
Bollers**
Color Artist

**Jeff
Powell**
Letterer

**J. Freddy
Gabrie**
Editor

**Victor
Gorelick**
*Managing
Editor*

**Richard
Goldwater**
Editor-In-Chief

KNUCKLES: THE DARK LEGION No. 1 is a 100-page comic book, April 1987, published by Dark Horse Comics, Inc., 2711 Arden Avenue, Westborough, MA 01581. Richard Goldwater, Publisher; Victor Gorelick, Managing Editor; J. Freddy Gabriele, Editor; Jeff Powell, Letterer; Karl Bollers, Color Artist; Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy, Artists. For advertising, circulation and subscription information, contact Dark Horse Comics, Inc., 2711 Arden Avenue, Westborough, MA 01581. All rights reserved. This publication is a trademark of Dark Horse Comics, Inc. and is published by Dark Horse Comics, Inc. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. Printed in Canada.

**BEGINNING RIGHT WHERE
THE LAST MINI-SERIES LEFT OFF...**

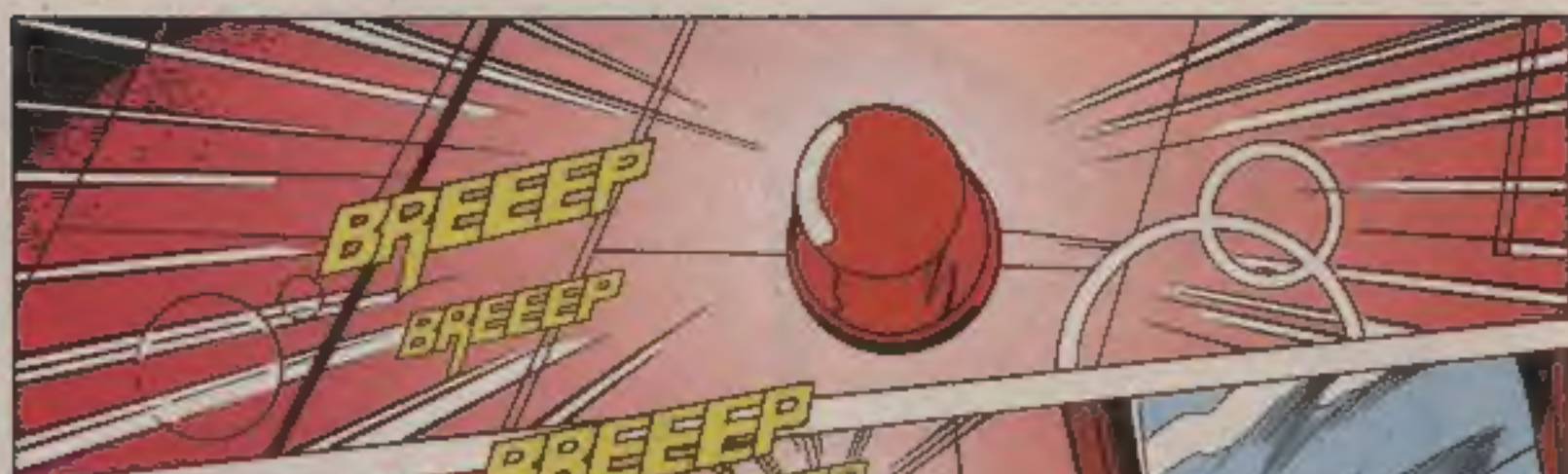
**THE LESSONS OF HISTORY AND CULTURE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HANDED
DOWN FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT. NOT ONLY DO THESE
ACTIONS OFTEN PRESERVE A PROUD HERITAGE AND TRADITION, BUT
THEY SOMETIMES ALLOW THE YOUNG TO GAIN WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE
FROM THEIR ELDERS, IN THE HOPES OF IMPROVING
THAT WHICH CAME BEFORE.**

**WHILE MANY HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CHRONICLE THEIR VESTERDAYS IN A
MANNER FAVORABLE TO THEM, TRUE HISTORIANS FIND IT IS OFTEN BEST
TO LIKEN HISTORY TO A PRISM, AN OBJECT WITH NUMEROUS
POINTS OF VIEW, IN ORDER TO SEE THE WHOLE PICTURE.**

**AS WITH ANYTHING ELSE, THE INSIGHT THAT IS OBTAINED FROM THOSE
LESSONS ARE AT BEST ASSIMILATED A BIT AT A TIME. WITH EACH NEW
PIECE COMES A GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS-- AND IT IS
NO DIFFERENT WITH KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA. THANKFULLY, IN HIS
EARLY STAGE OF LEARNING, HE HAS BECOME AWARE OF HOW LITTLE HE
TRULY KNOWS, AND HOW MUCH MORE HE HAS YET TO MASTER.**

**SINCE HIS ENCOUNTER WITH A MALEVOLENT ANCESTOR CALLING HIMSELF
ENERIAK, KNUCKLES HAS SOUGHT TO LEARN MORE OF HIS HERITAGE IN
ORDER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HIS PRESENT LIFE... AND BE BETTER
PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE...**

**WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE CURRENT GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING
ISLAND CAN GROW, IT IS EQUALLY TRUE THAT OFTENTIMES, EVEN THE
BEST OF US CAN NEVER BE COMPLETELY PREPARED...**



IN A HIDDEN COMPLEX,
INSIDE THE FLOATING
ISLAND'S FORBIDDEN
ZONE...



RUEY'S REFERRING TO ENERJAK,
WHO WAS LAST SEEN HEADING
INTO SPACE AT THE END OF THE
FIRST KNUCKLE'S MINI-SERIES—
J. FREDDY



BY
THE ANCIENT
WALKERS!

I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN!

AFTER
ALL THIS TIME--
FIRST DIMITRI--
AND NOW--

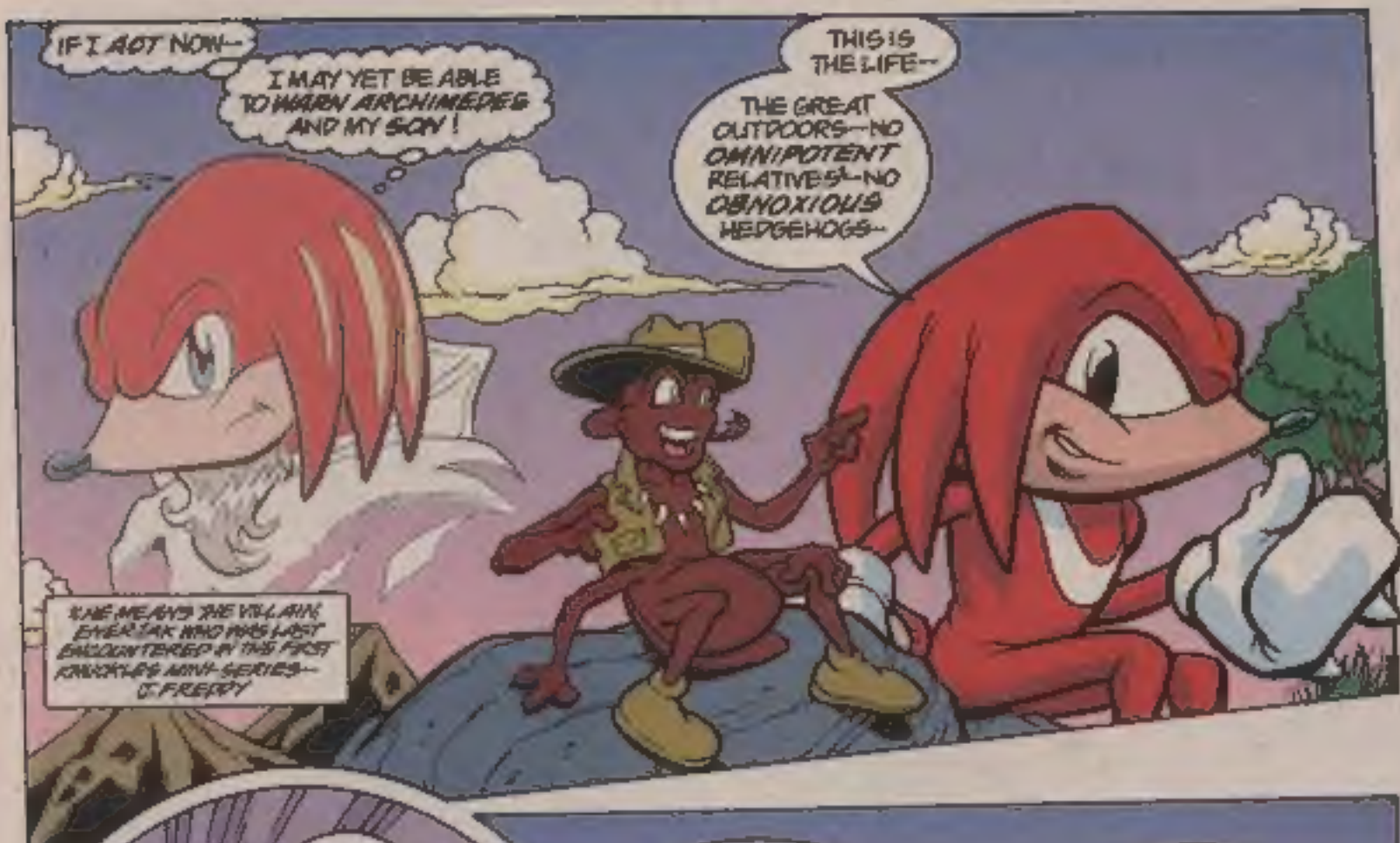


*The Dark
Legion!*



KNUCKLES™
The Dark Legion
BOOK ONE

**ARMY OF
DARKNESS**



Have a **BLAST** with **MOOTOWN!** SNACKS

Tons of
explosive
tastes!

Take them
TO GO!

COOL
STUFF!

MOOTOWN & SEGA SONIC
SNACKS BLAST™

Ultimate Home Video Game Giveaway!

1. Collect a pile of cow chips from Mootown packages.
Here's what you can get you want!

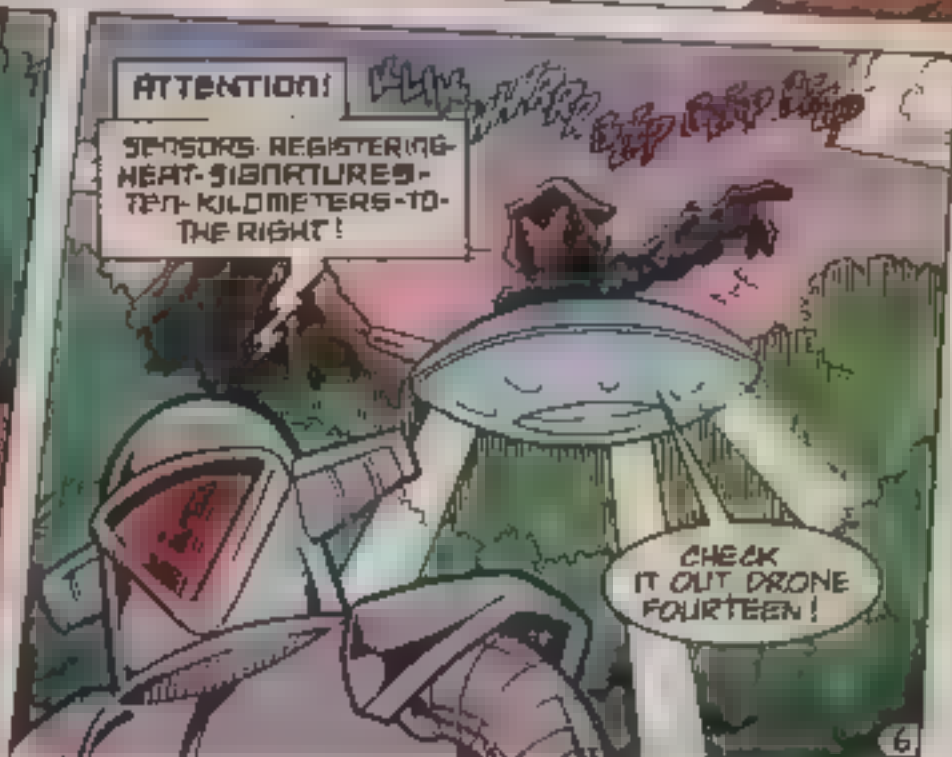
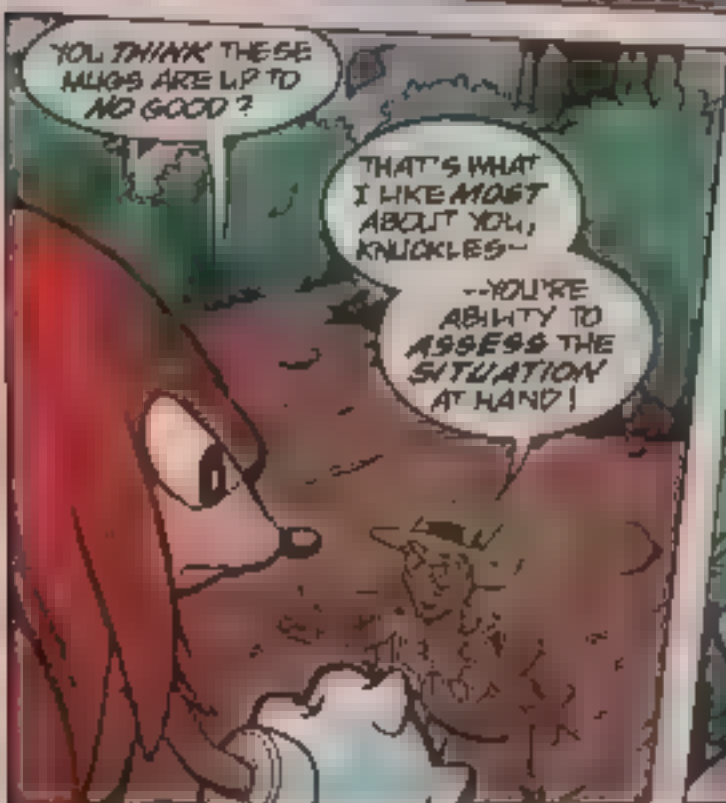
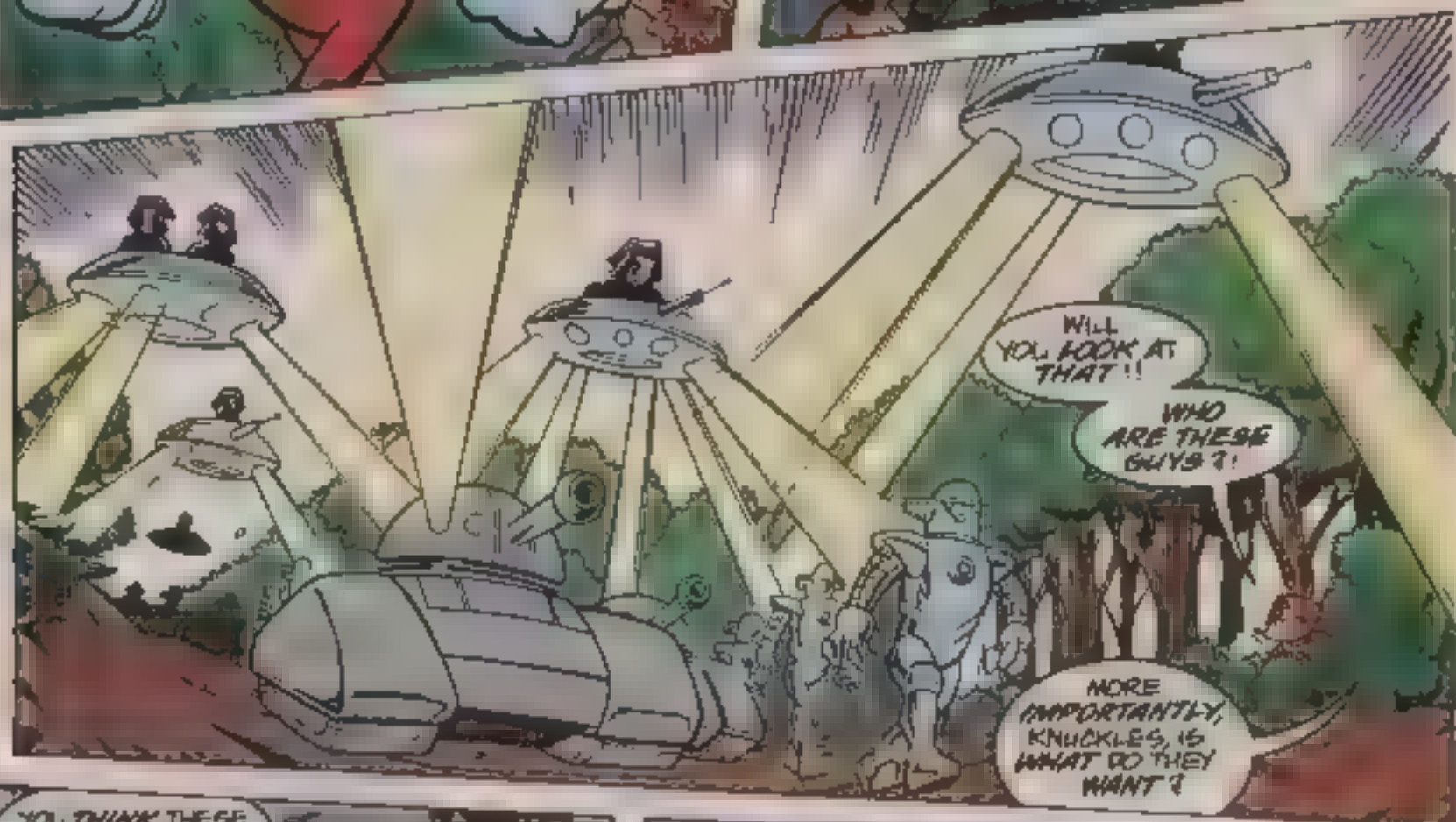
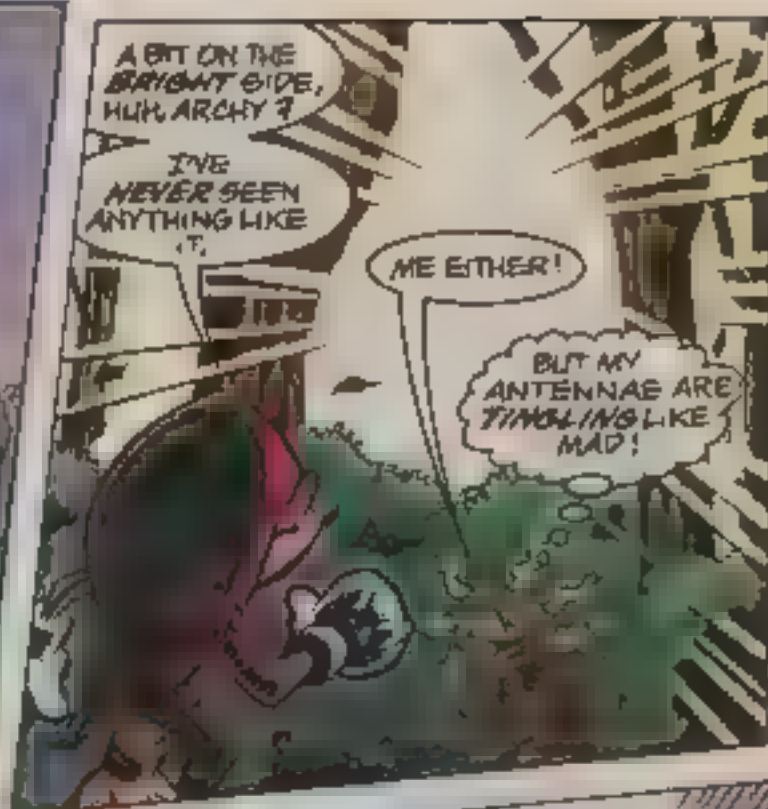
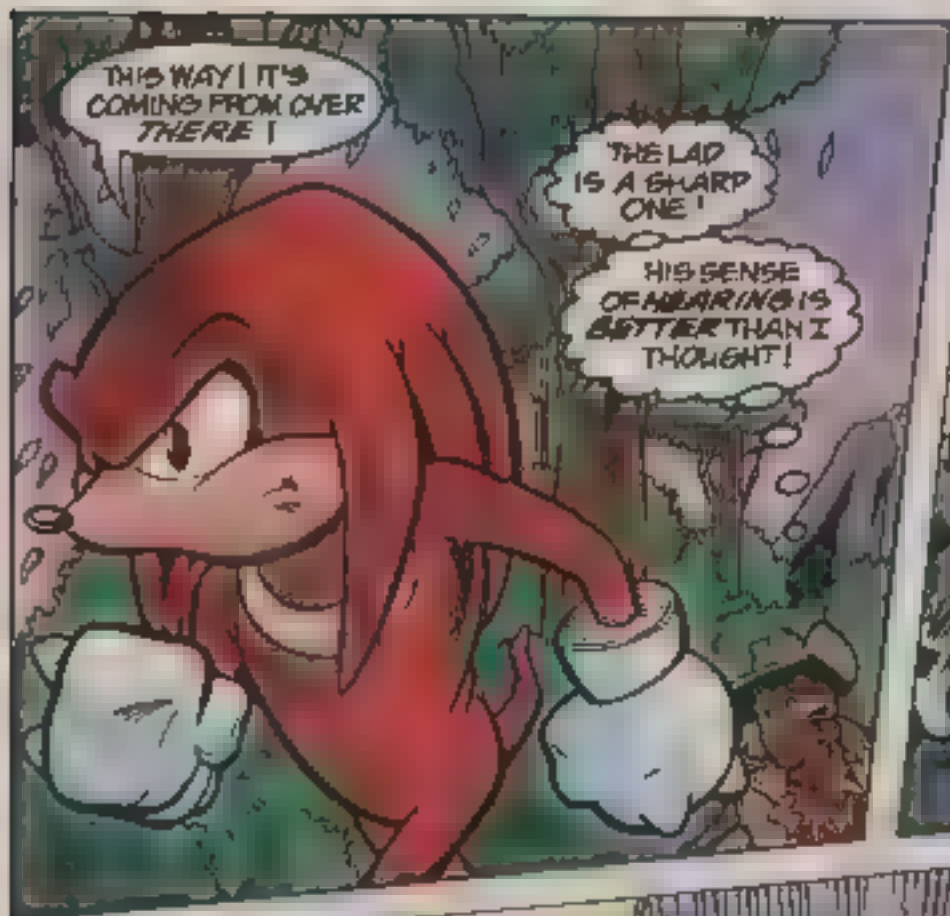
2. Cash in your cow chips for COOL
Mootown & **SONIC** stuff!

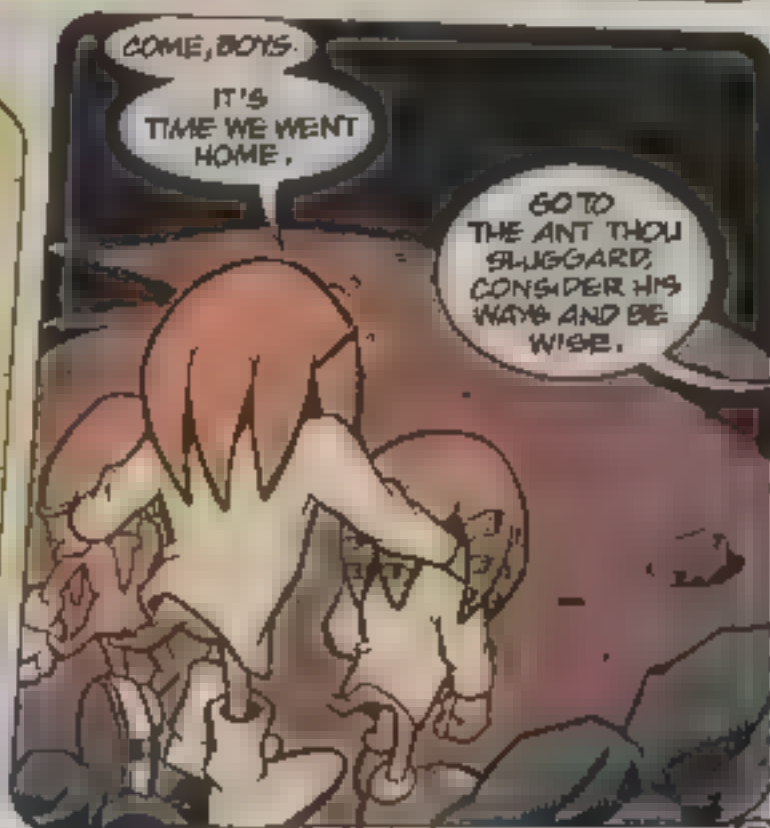
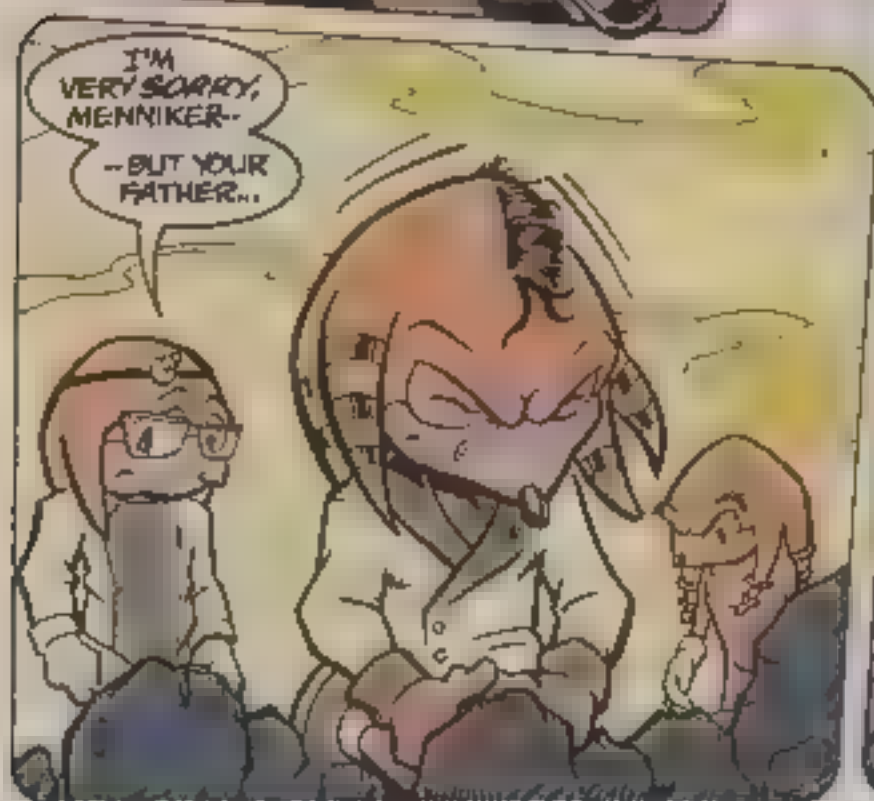
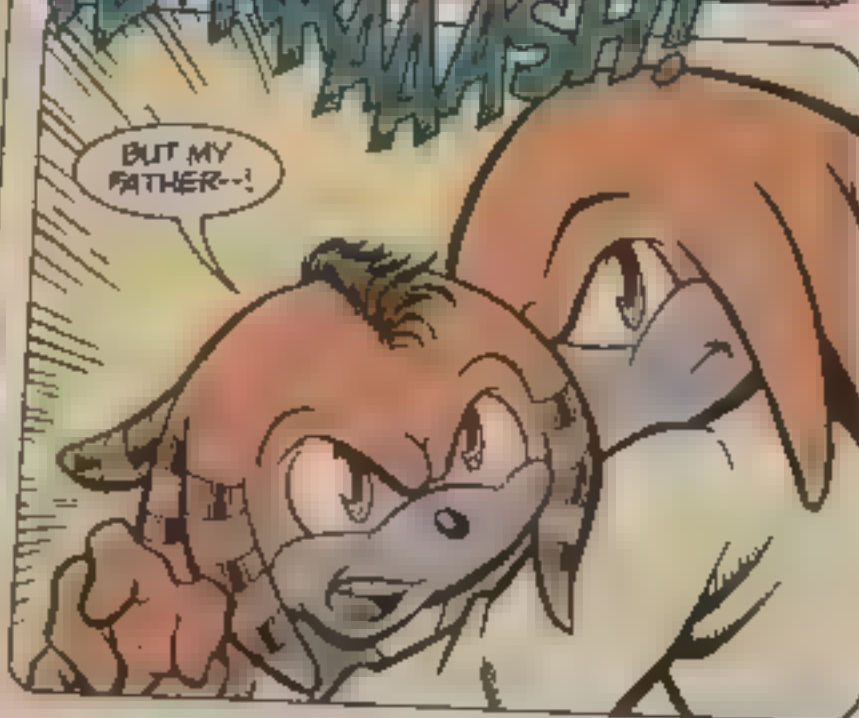
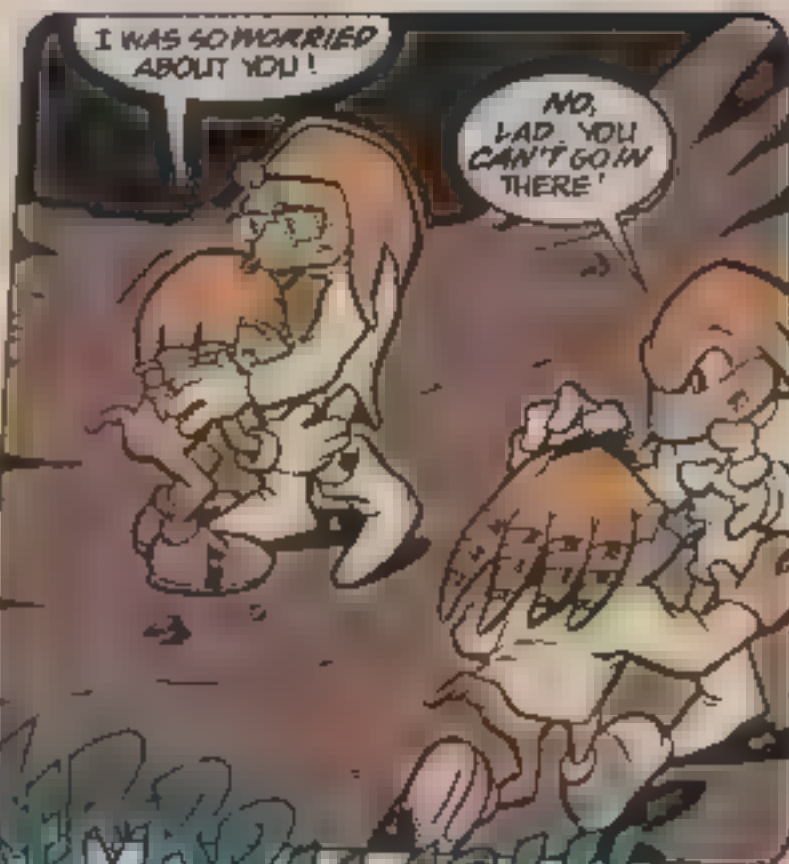
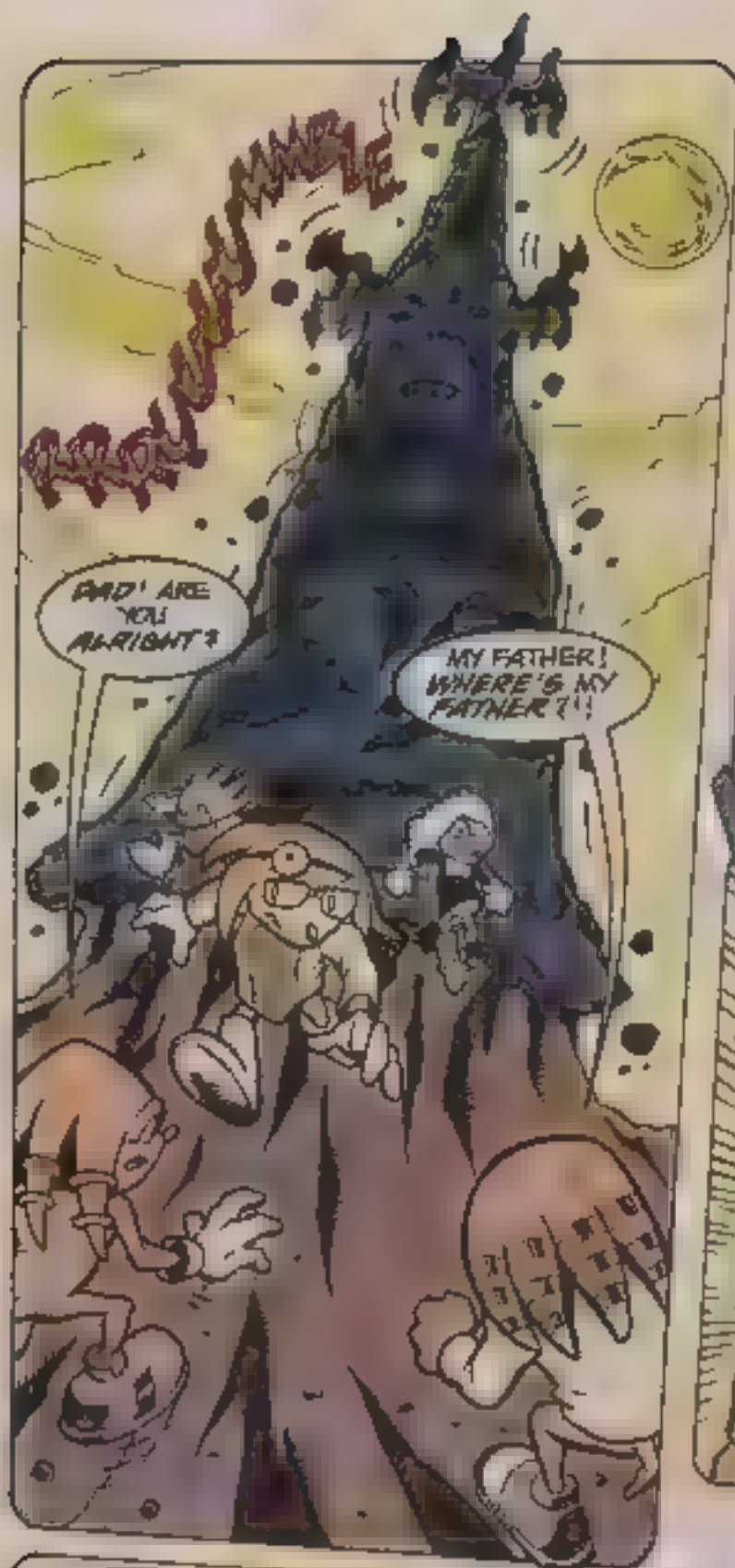
3. Enter to win the **SEGA SONIC™ Blast™ Ultimate Home Video Game Giveaway!**

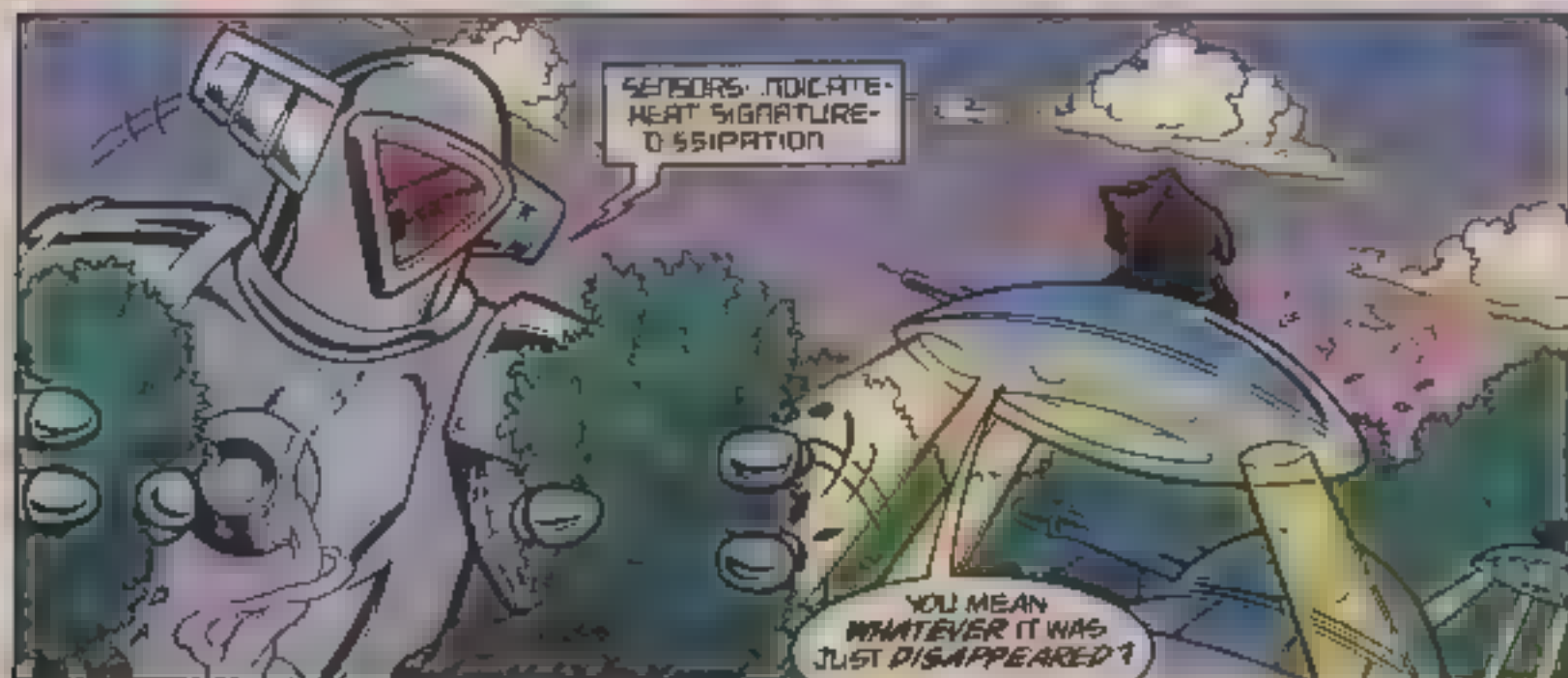
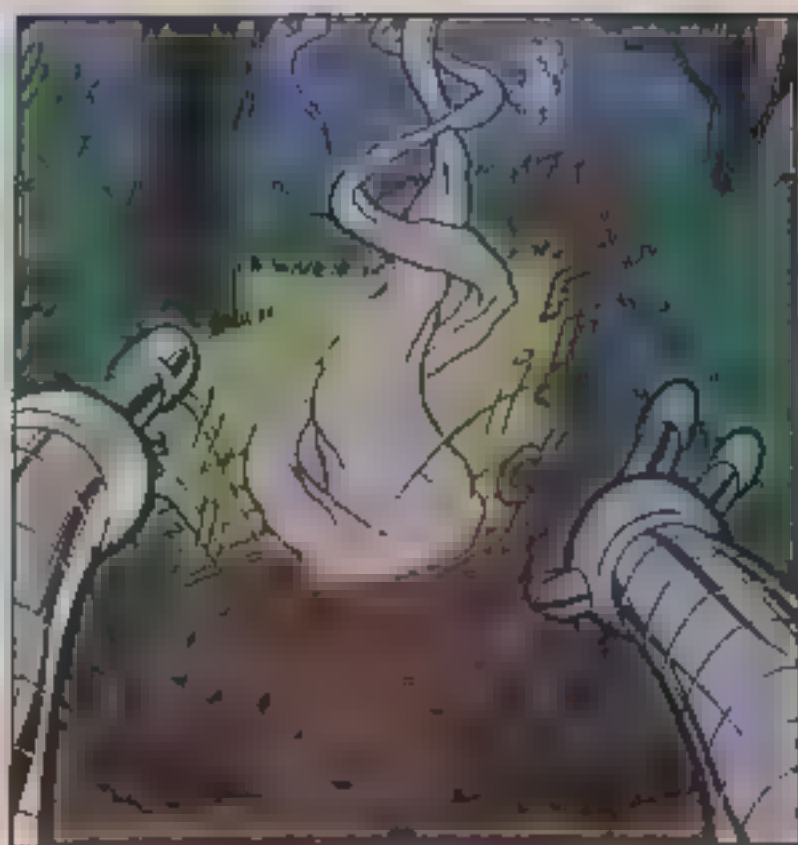
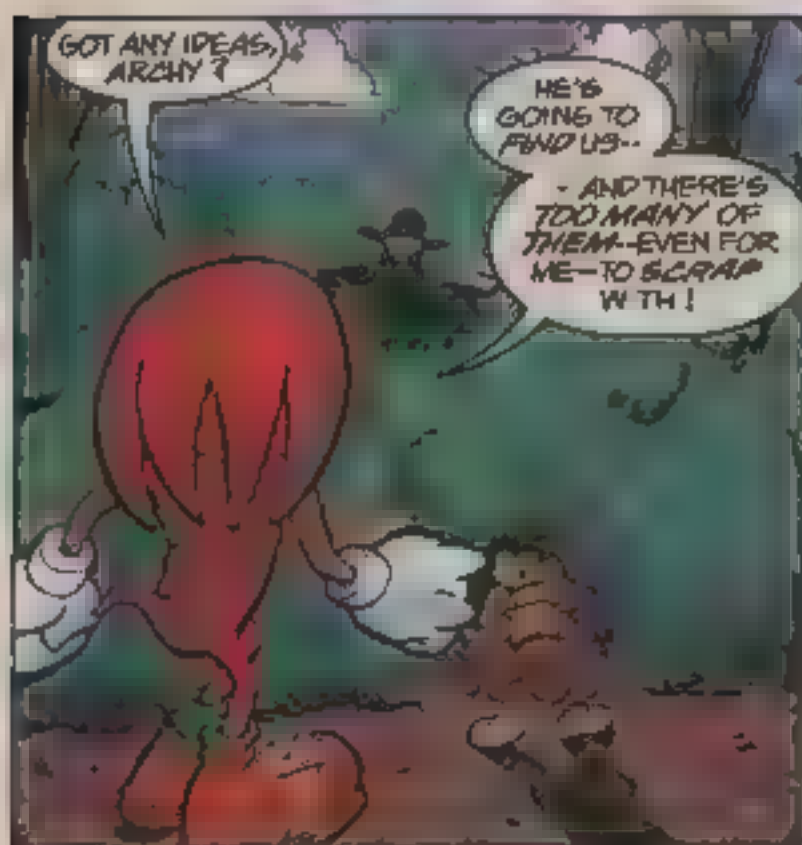
Visit our Web site at: <http://www.mootown.com>

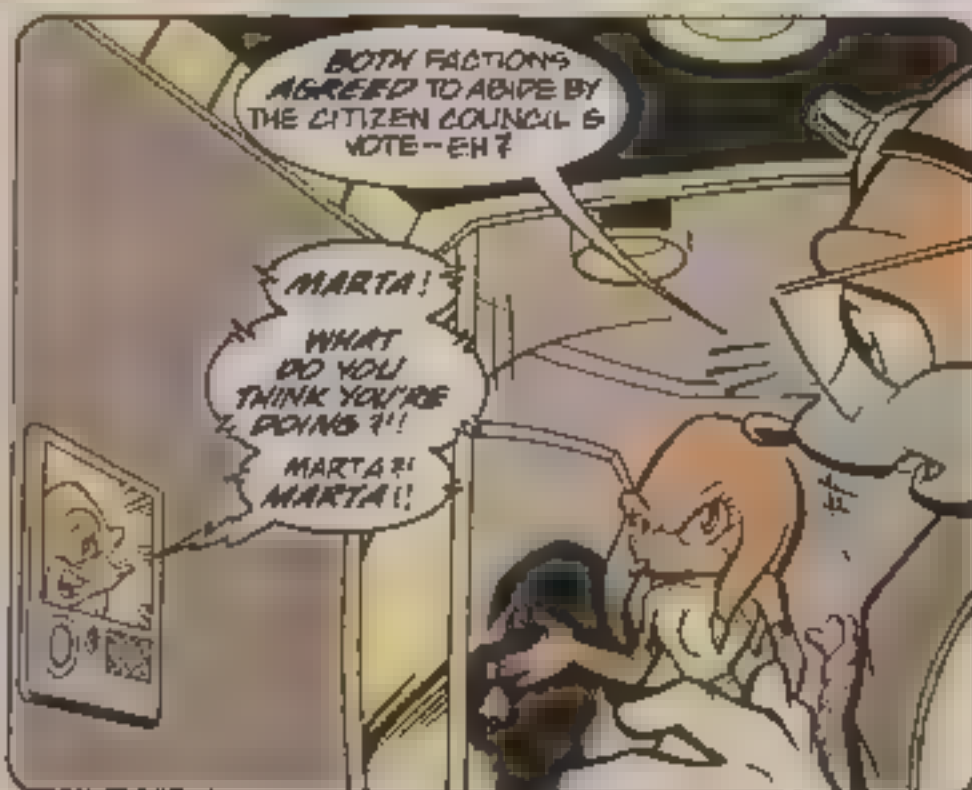
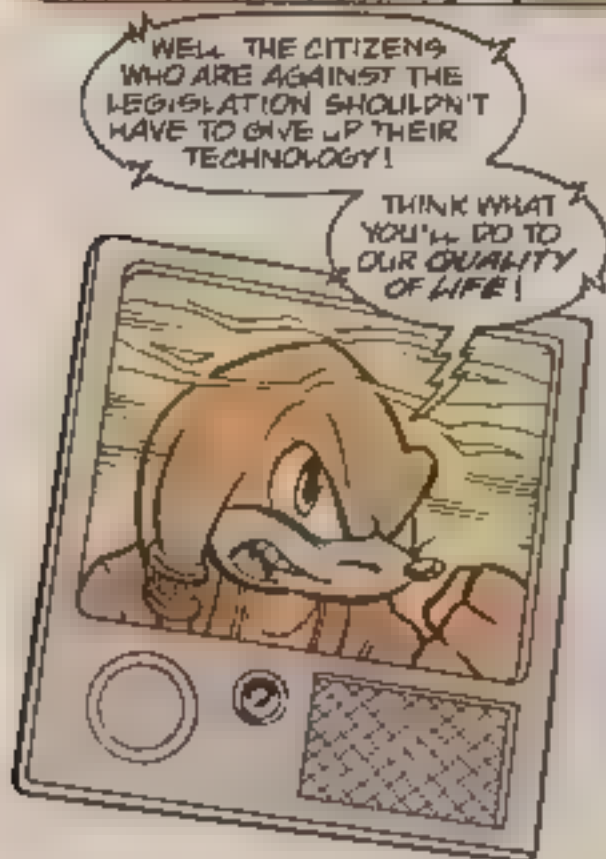
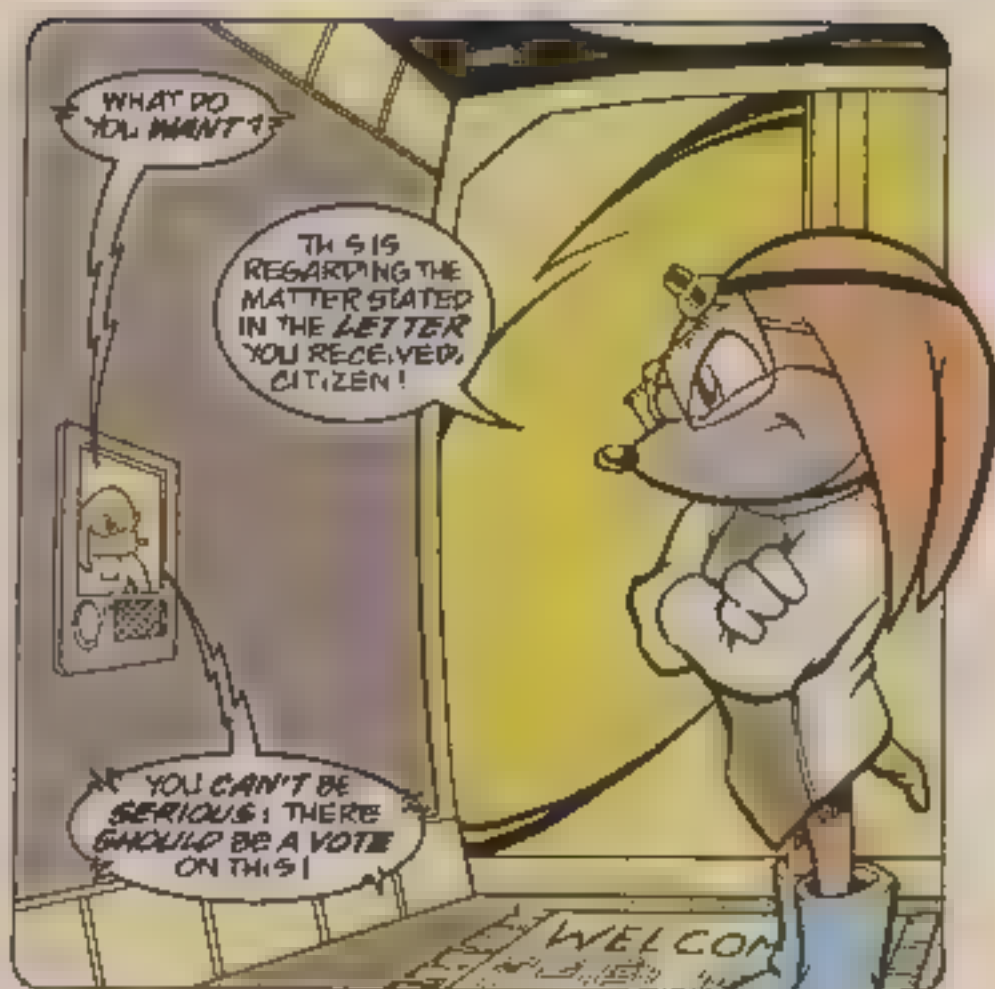
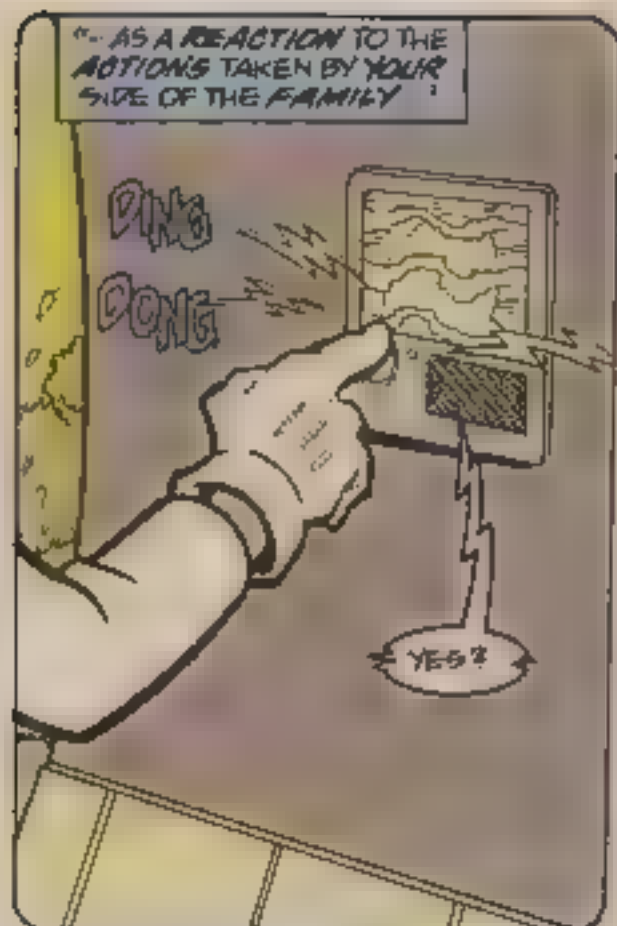
© 1999 Sega of America, Inc. All rights reserved. Sega, the Sega logo, and Sonic the Hedgehog are registered trademarks or trademarks of Sega of America, Inc. in the U.S. and other countries. Mootown is a registered trademark of Sega of America, Inc. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

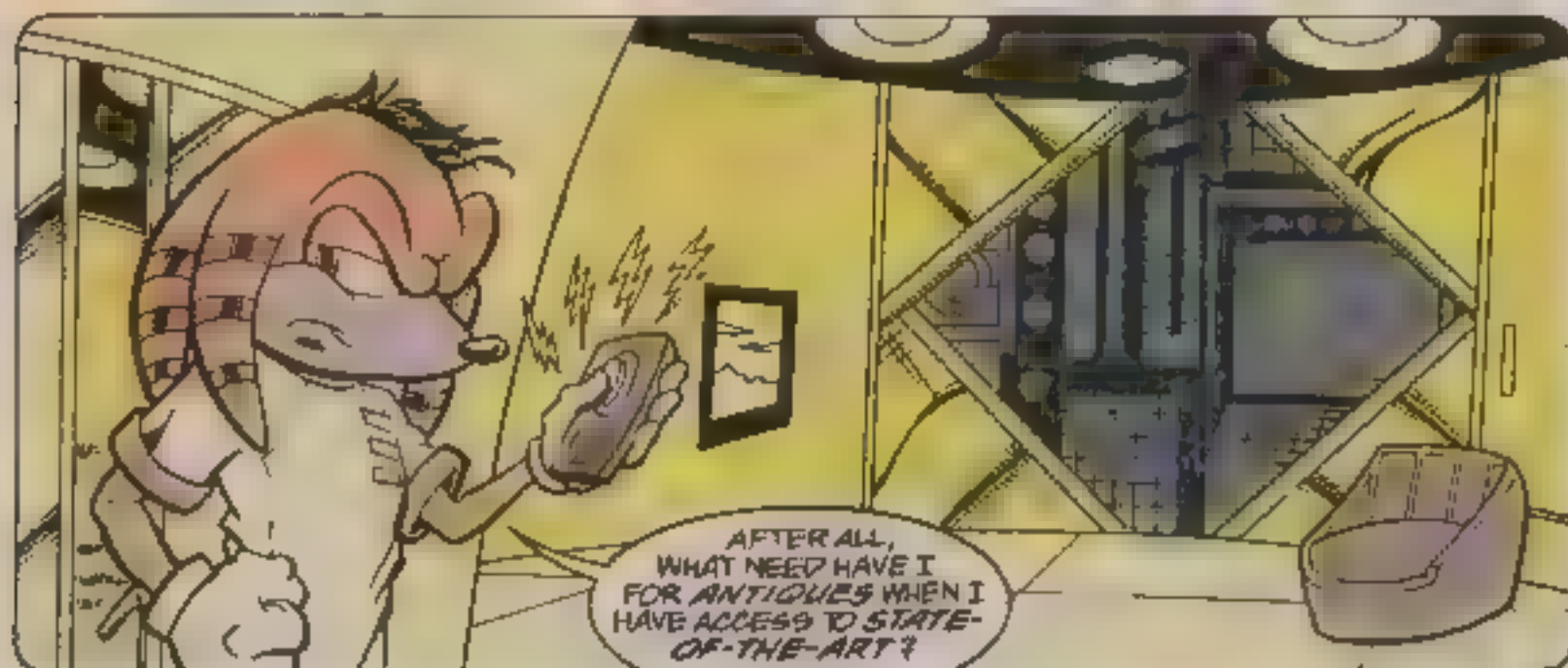
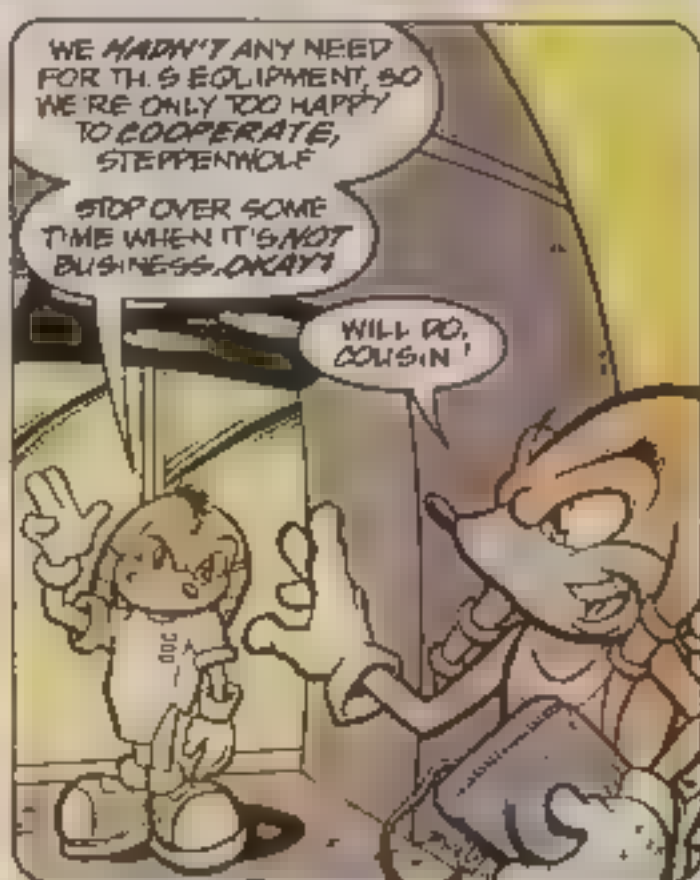
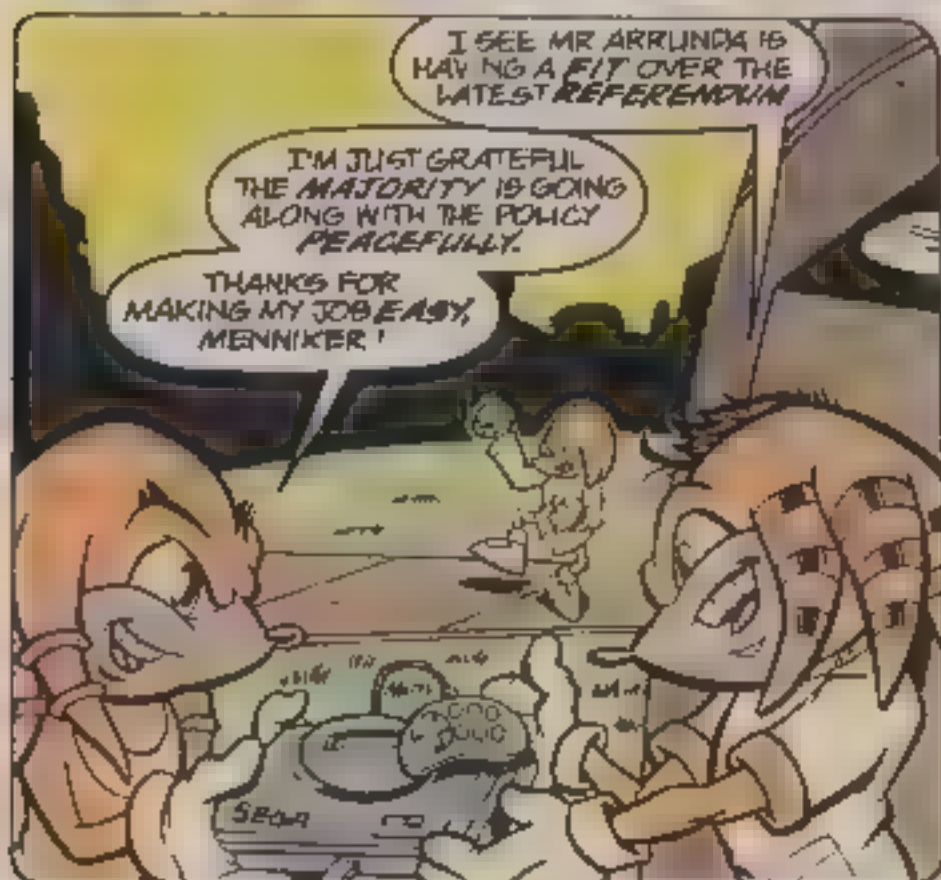
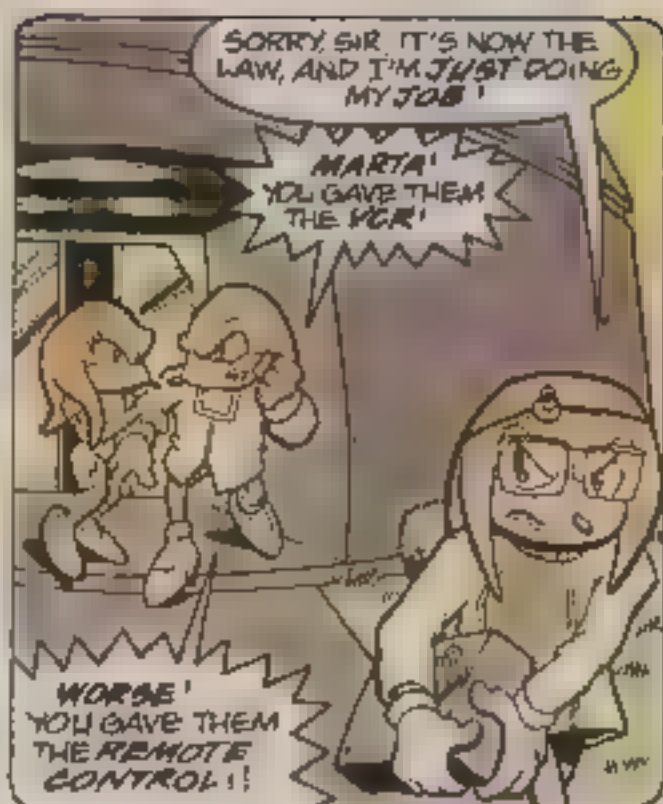
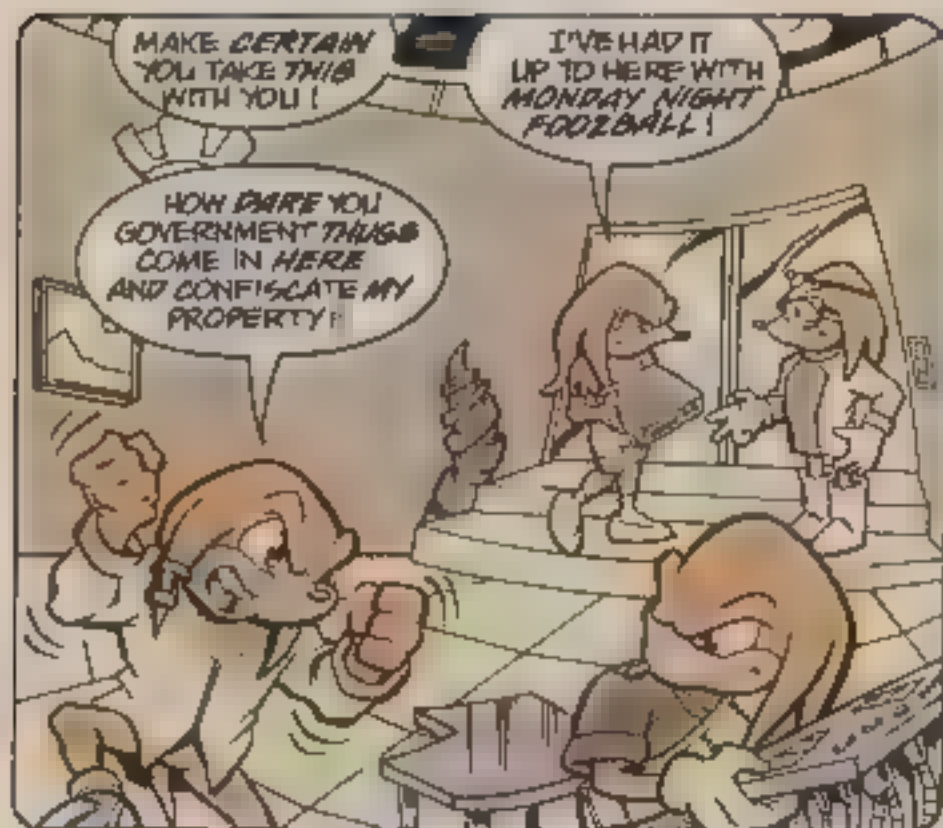












FAN ART



Kevin Vandenburg
Vancouver WA.
Age 8

Michael
Shephard
Camden,
Australia
Age 11



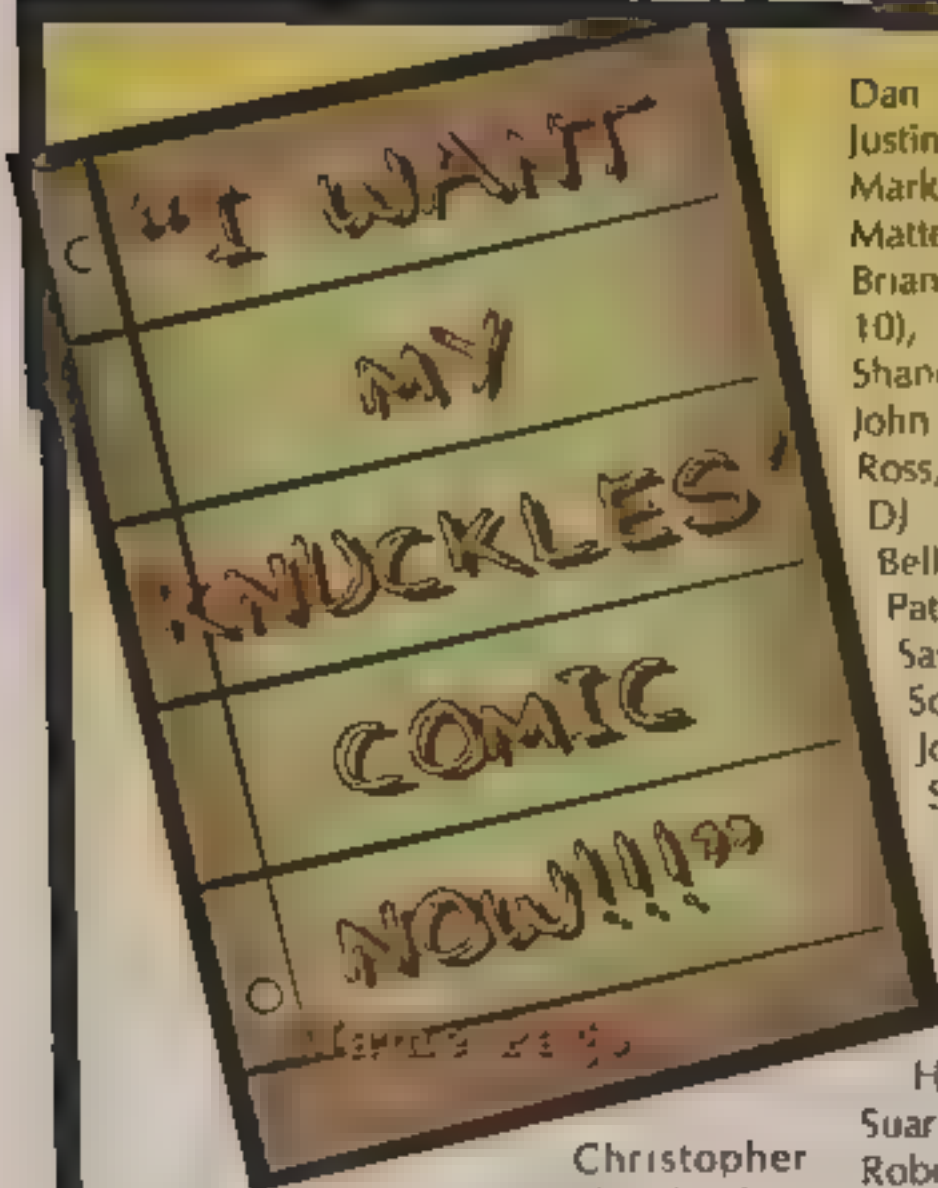
Sandy
Lamison
York, P.A.
Age 14



Brendan Newson
Age 6



IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR DRAWING
PRINTED, PLEASE SEND A BLACK &
WHITE COPY OF YOUR ART
(AND ORIGINAL)
TO: "SONIC FAN ART"
C/O ARCHIE COMIC
PUBLICATIONS, INC.
P.O. BOX 419
MAMARONECK, NY
10543-0419



Christopher Way, B.J. Kvitho, Candace White, Corey Dugle, Rian Smith, Nathan Nash, Jay Friar, Chris Floyd, Eric Filemyr, Nathan Hufnagel, Richard Hayes, Tung Nguyen, Roann Gatalula, Kennon "K.A.T.", Alfred "Fredo" Trujillo Jr., Will Wade, Chris Cortes, Cody Dixon, Kelvin Chung, Kenneth J., Angel Dubinsky, Joshua Curtis, Nicholas Barlow, Steph Kao, Brent Doscher, Jeremy Garrett, Daniel Posner, Rodney (no last name-age 9), Krystal Ewing, Jon Katz (Age 9 1/2), Elizabeth Bennett, Stephen Contreras, Joshua Butler, Benjamin Martin, S.L. George, Steve A'Stathis, Daniel Machue, Nicole Comstock, James Matthew Rowe, Bryan Hernandez, John Polk Wetzel, David Erickson, Jacob Martin, Max Beckert, Clint P., Gordon (no last name), Amanda Lawrence, Jon "The Hermit" Dulin, Darrell Bennett, Hilary Patrick, Travis Ord, Billy Zimmerman, Kayla Braissard,

Dan Ickler, Luke Luesing, Shane Lewis, Justin Kuret, Ryan Hilberman, Chris Beil, Mark Mosher, Tricia Johnson, Jared Matte, Lisa Hoggia, Aaron Garoutie, Brian delos Reyes, B.J. Midlock (Age 10), Tysen Simpkins, Jon McMonigle, Shane Crider, Alex Davis, Bobby Stees, John Christopher, Kelly Rose, Tristan Ross, Maricruz Covarrubias, Jacob Day, D) Dunn, Coren Cogdell, Dondi Belhea, Cortlin "The Knuckles Knut" Patrick, Noah Gmeihweser, Melanis Saunders, David "Knuckles" Hurley, Scott Swank, Rishi Anand, Alex Johnson, Jayme Hager (age 8), Tim Salmon (Age 10), Timmy Boyd, Thomas Spain (Age 11), Joe Tonello, Steven Bovino, Bruce Hansberry, Brendan Hewson, Lee Bicker, Clinton Lowe, Josh (The Knuckles Head) Suarez, Nathan H. Villa, Jeremy Gonzalez, Brandon

Suarez, Jeff Carneil, Audra Phillips, Robert Heide, Dylan Green, Jesse Goldman, Chris Sedgwick, Jae Wilson (Age 9), Peta Fenton (Age 14), Eric Slarr, Sean Rose, Shawn Careter, Michael Moreno, Anthony Randolph, Seeno Narayanan, Bryan Margeson, Josh Henry, Becky Jewell, Michelle Ricketts, Trevor Jacques, Stephen Weils, Erik D. Palmer, Tom Hansberger (Age 7), Kevin Kalnasy, Patricia Kosik, Jacob Daniel, Tom Weindorf, Trevor Cable (age 10), Charlie McDonald, Chris Rose, Jordan Walter, Joel Harvester, Zack T McLernon, Larry Sparks, Tommy Goins, Neal MacIntyre (Age 9), Ryan Reels, Robert Rogers, Evelynne Pine, and Tim Price.

More "I Want My Knuckles Comic Now!!!" names next month. Thank you all for writing in to see another Knuckles series and I hope it's everything you thought it would be (and more)! Cool out!



Please enclose **\$4.50** (\$5.50 in CANADA) and you will receive this three-issue mini-series "one at a time" as soon as they are printed

ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.

Knuckles "The Dark Legion" mini-series

P.O. Box #573, Mahanwahock, NY 10543-0573

NAME (PRINT NAME)

AGE

MALE ☐

FEMALE ☐

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP+4

AVAILABLE IN U.S. & CANADA ONLY. All Canadian orders must be made payable in U.S. currency or by international Money Order. PLEASE ALLOW 6-8 WEEKS DELIVERY

HURRY!
OFFER EXPIRES
MAY 31, 1997

FOUR-ISSUE DIGEST SUBSCRIPTIONS

Enclose \$5.00 for each title checked.

Receive the next four issues as they are printed

- ☐ ARCHIE DIGEST MAGAZINE
- ☐ BETTY & VERONICA DIGEST MAGAZINE
- ☐ JUGHEAD WITH ARCHIE DIGEST MAGAZINE
- ☐ LAUGH DIGEST MAGAZINE

SAVE \$2.00
off the cover price

Number of titles checked **x \$5.00** (\$5.50 CANADA)

TOTAL AMOUNT \$

FIVE-ISSUE DOUBLE DIGEST SUBSCRIPTIONS

Enclose \$10.00 for each title checked.

Receive the next five issues as they are printed

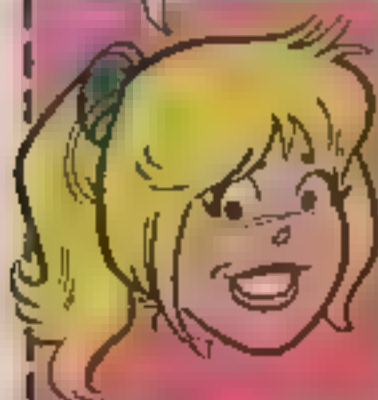
- ☐ ARCHIE'S DOUBLE DIGEST
- ☐ BETTY & VERONICA DOUBLE DIGEST
- ☐ JUGHEAD'S DOUBLE DIGEST
- ☐ PALS 'N' GALS DOUBLE DIGEST

SAVE \$3.75
off the cover price

Number of titles checked **x \$10.00** (\$10.50 CANADA)

TOTAL AMOUNT \$

**SUBSCRIBE
TO THESE
DIGESTS
TODAY, AND
\$AVE!!!**



MAIL TO:

ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.

ARCHIE'S DIGEST SUBSCRIPTIONS OFFER

P.O. Box #573, MAHANWAHOCK, NY 10543-0573

5 OF 6
MAILED
IN JUNE

NAME (PRINT NAME)

AGE

MALE ☐

FEMALE ☐

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP+4

DAYTIME PHONE #

OFFER EXPIRES APRIL 30, 1997
PLEASE ALLOW 6-8 WEEKS DELIVERY

FOUR-ISSUE
DIGEST
SUBSCRIPTIONS \$

FIVE-ISSUE
DOUBLE DIGEST
SUBSCRIPTIONS \$

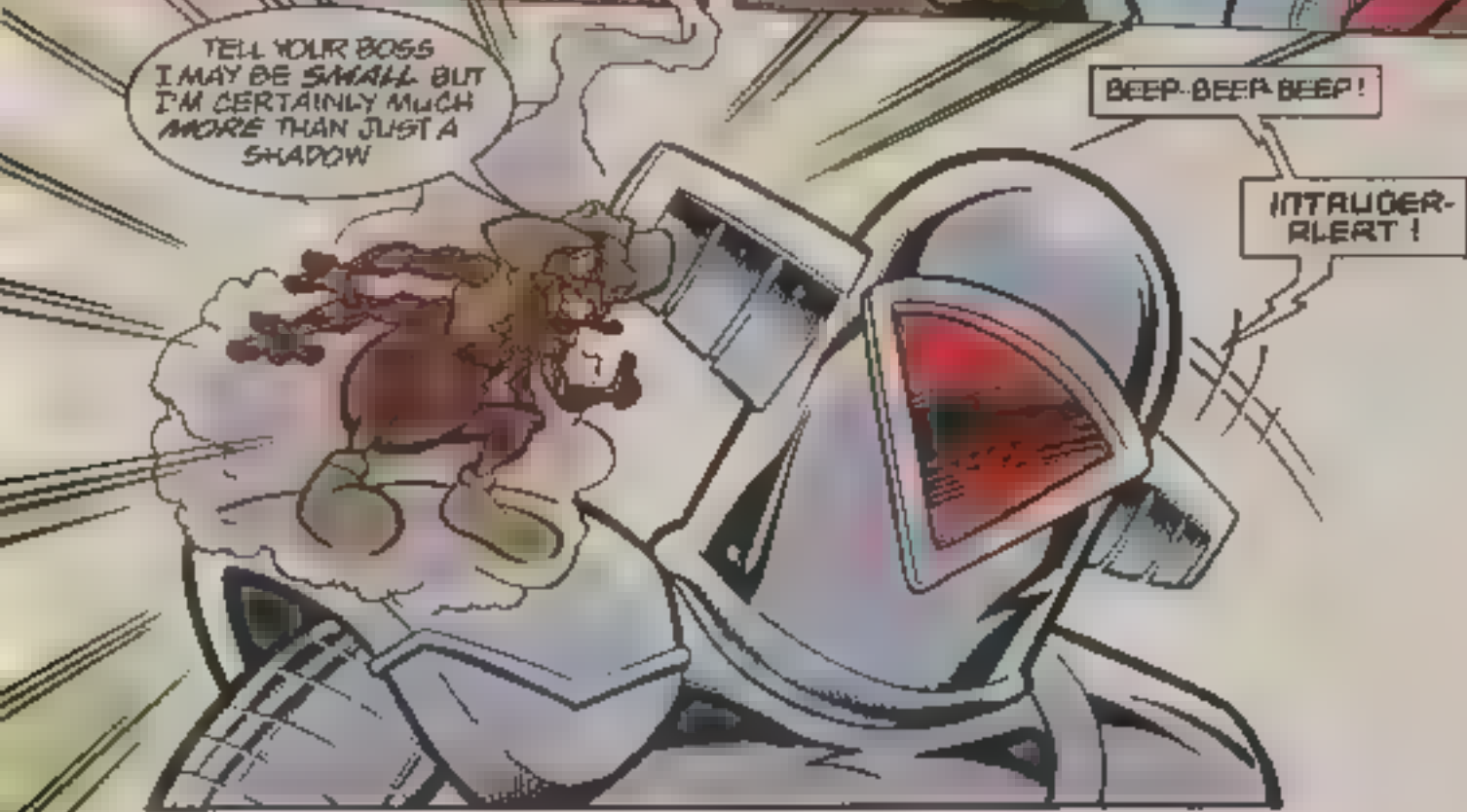
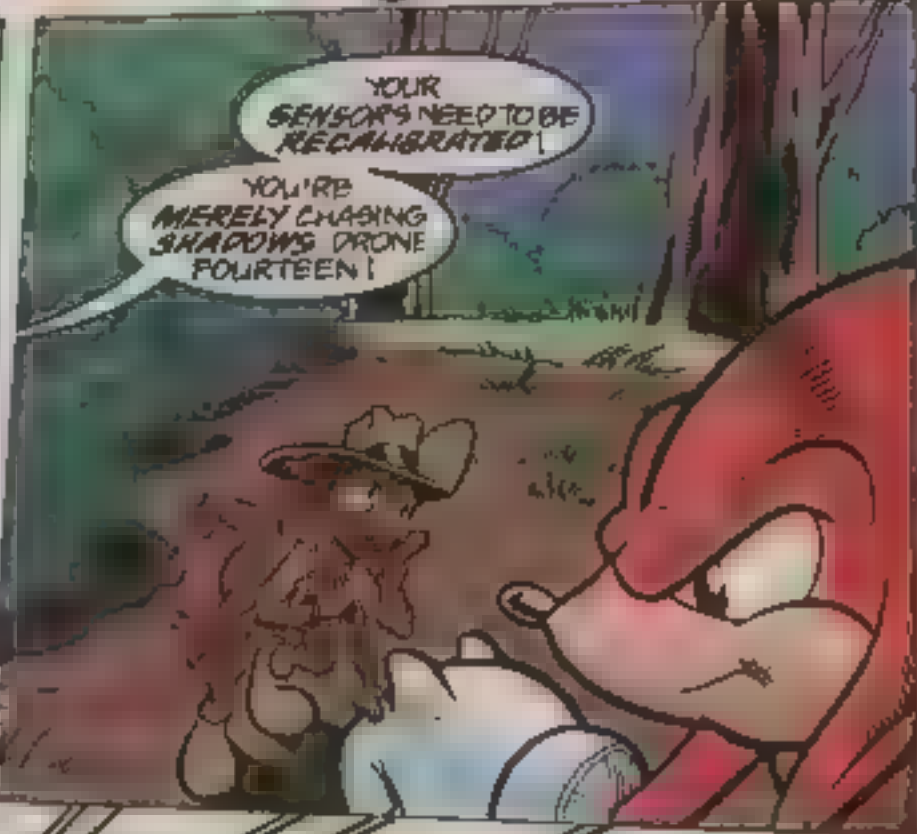
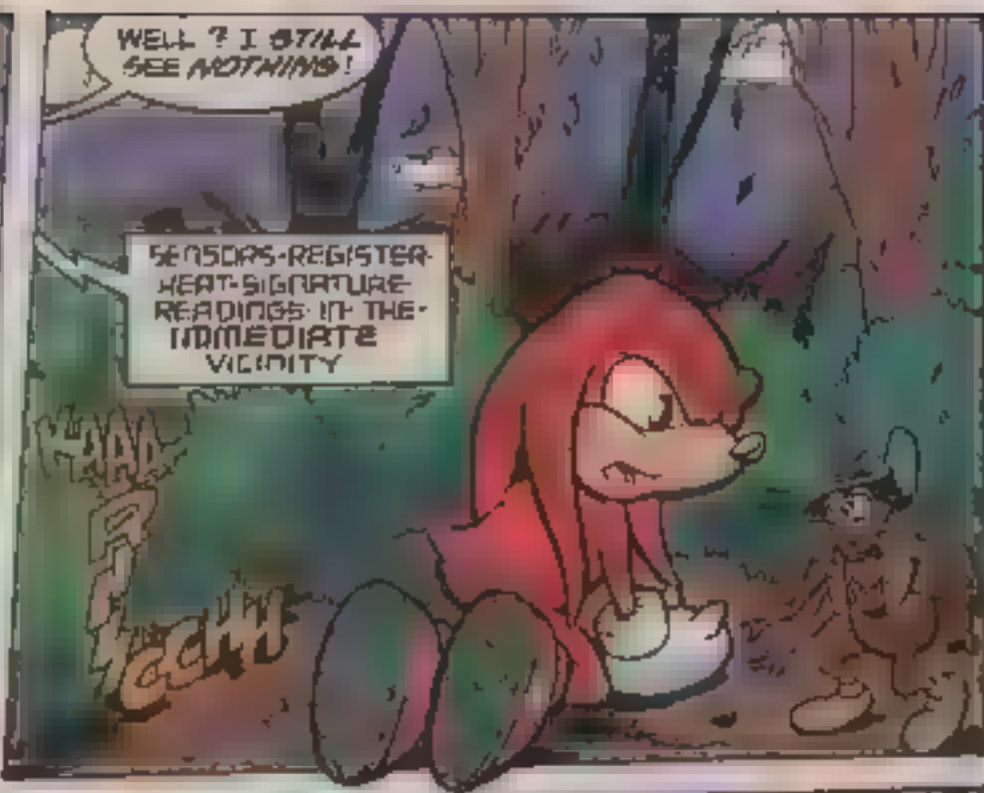
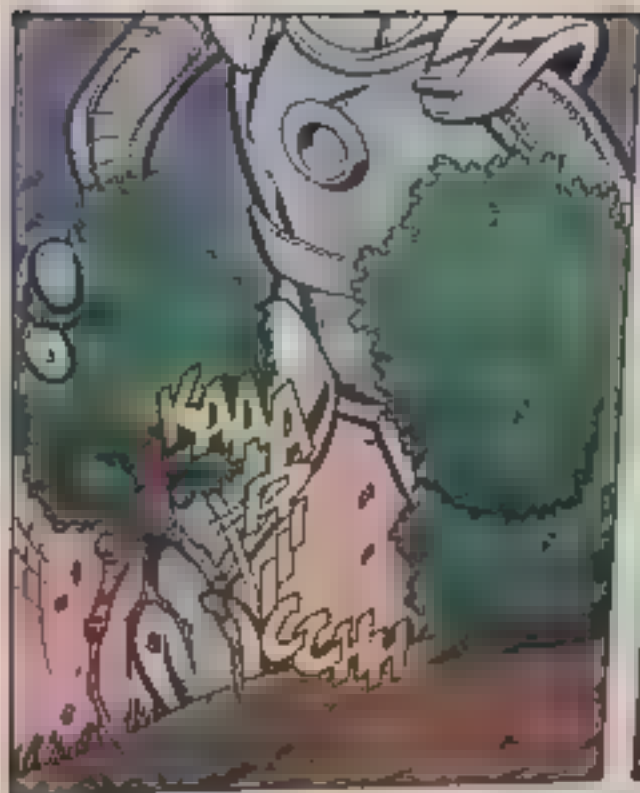
TOTAL \$

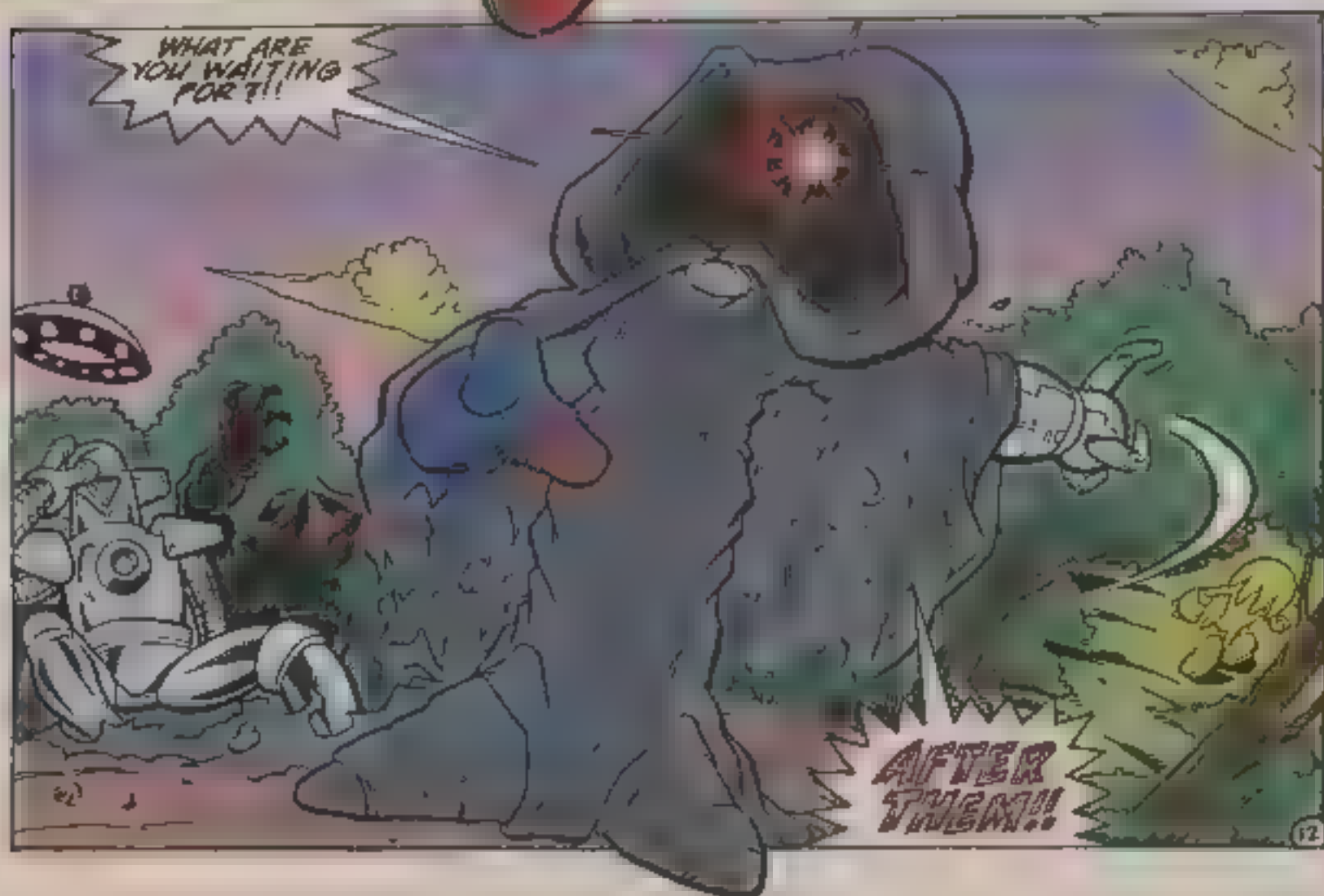
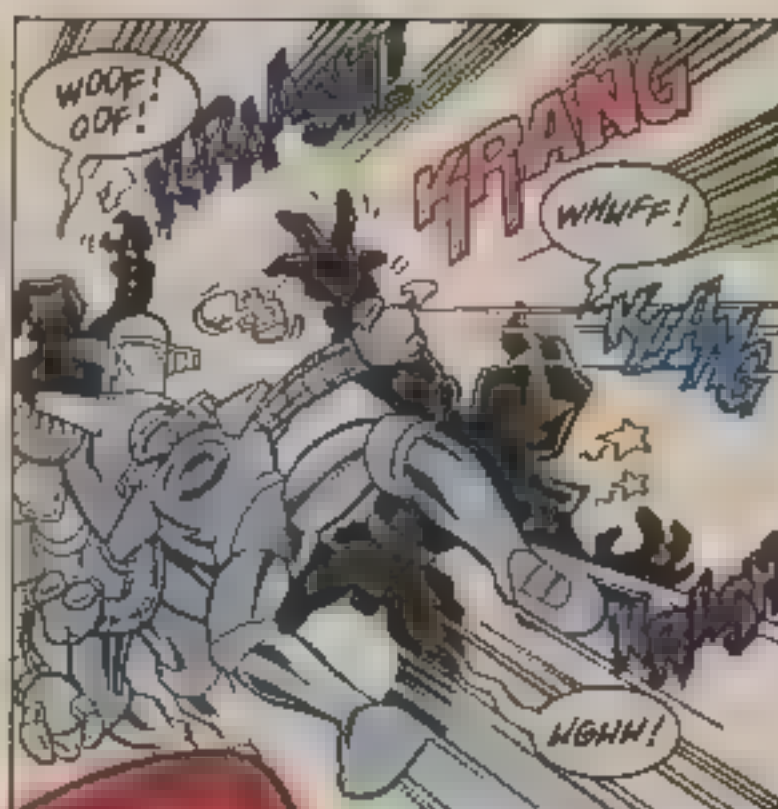
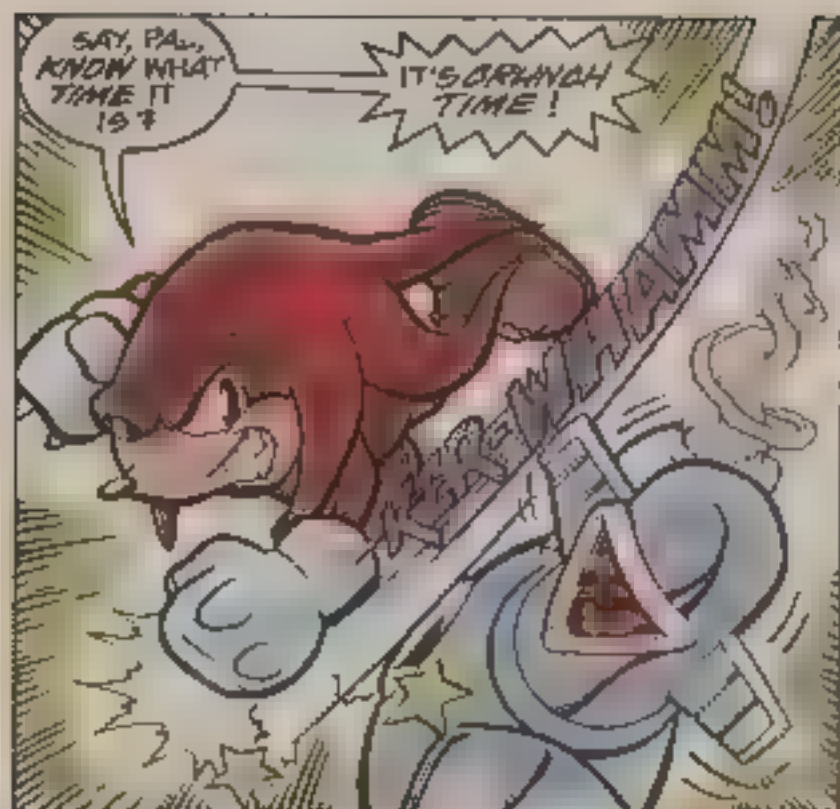
☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD

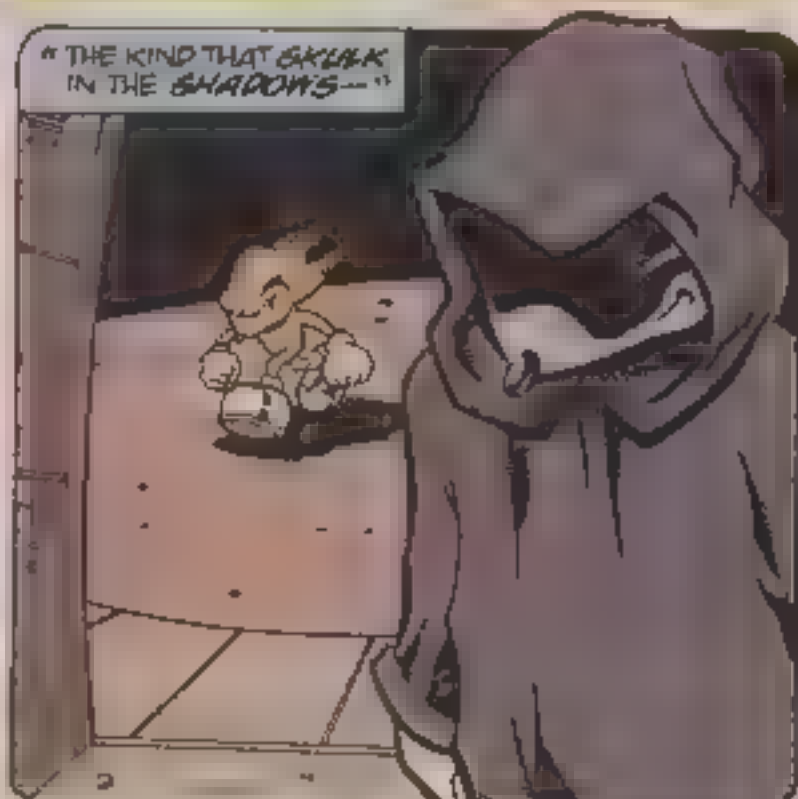
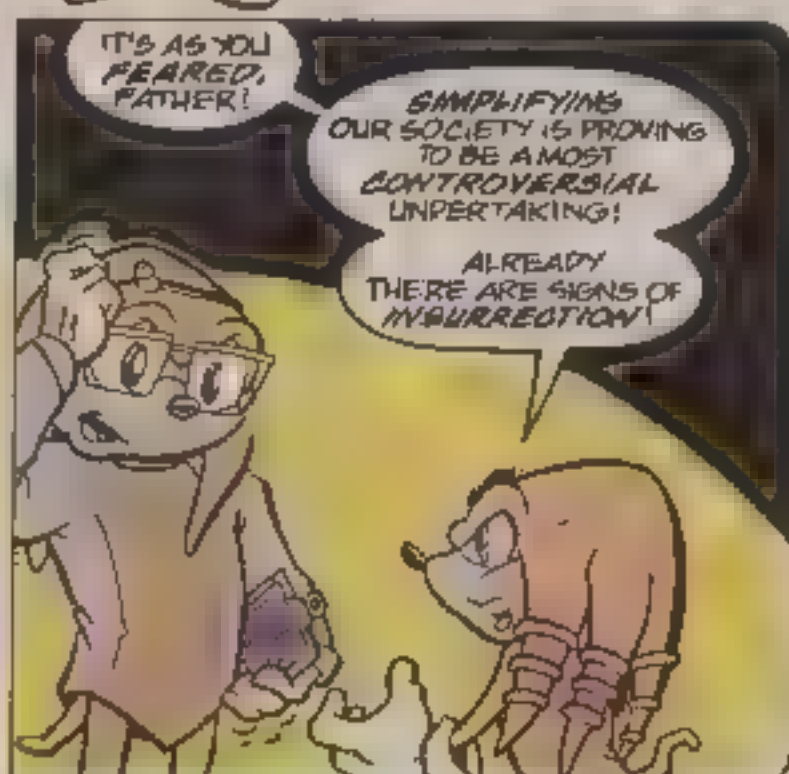
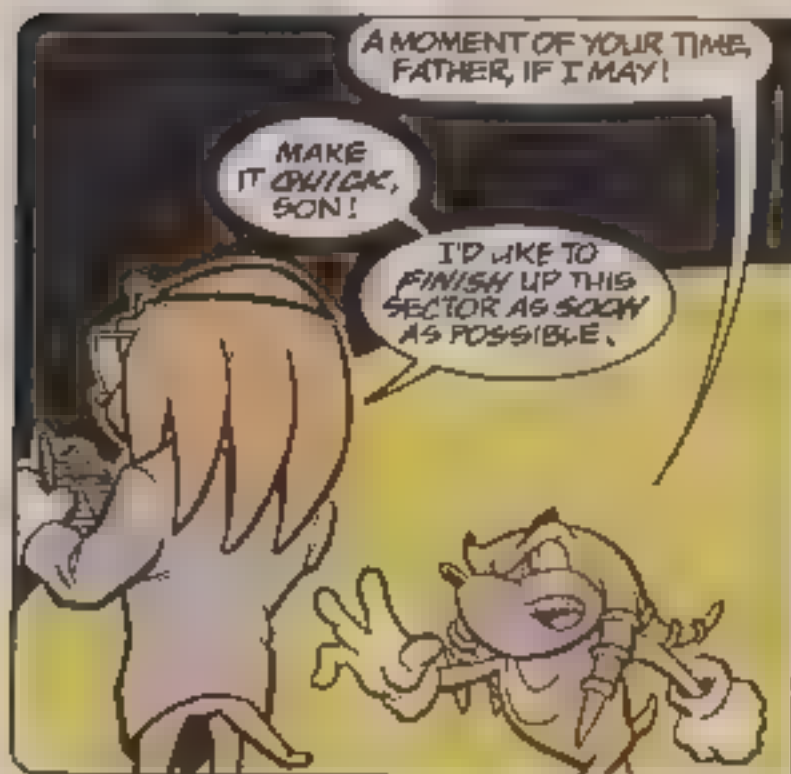
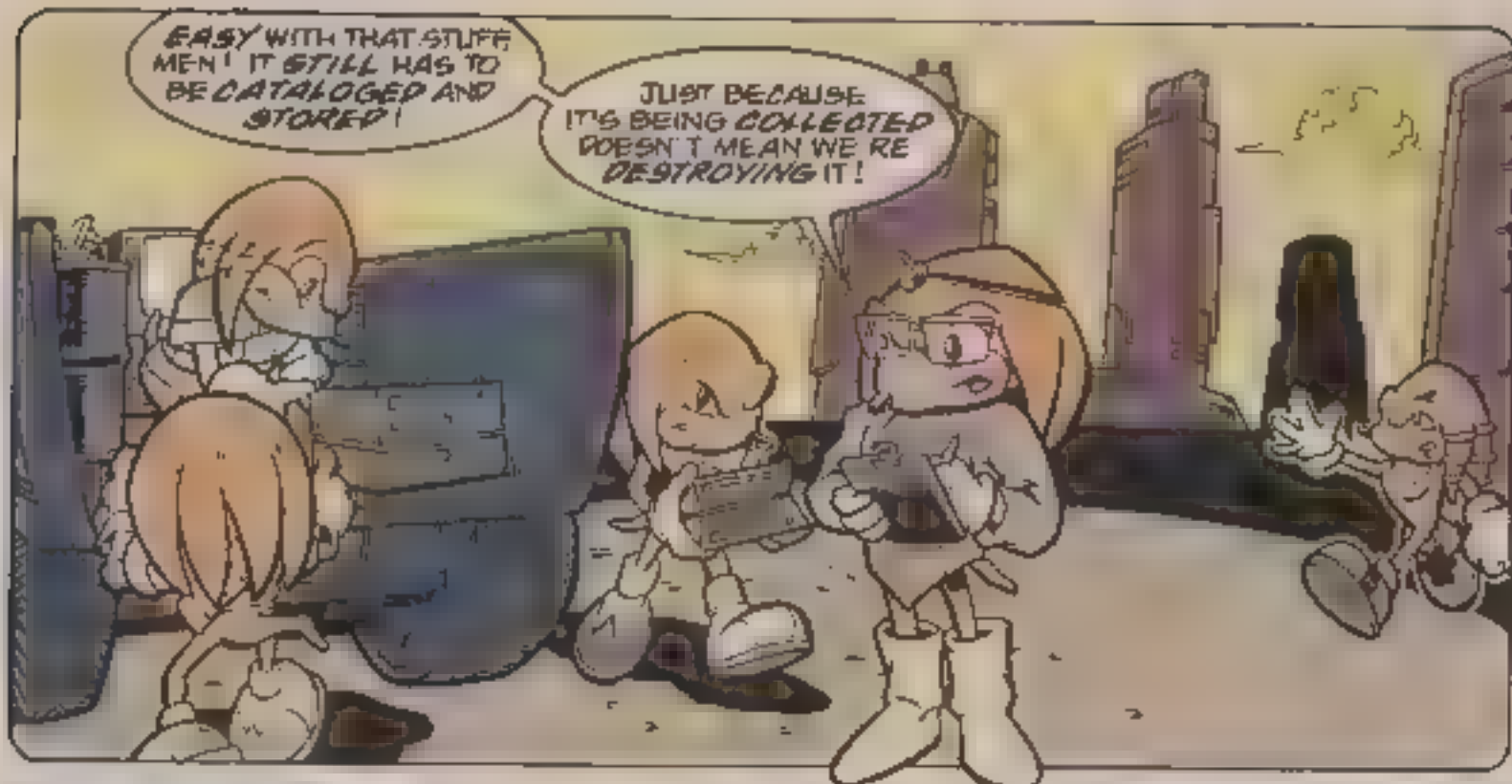
SIGNATURE

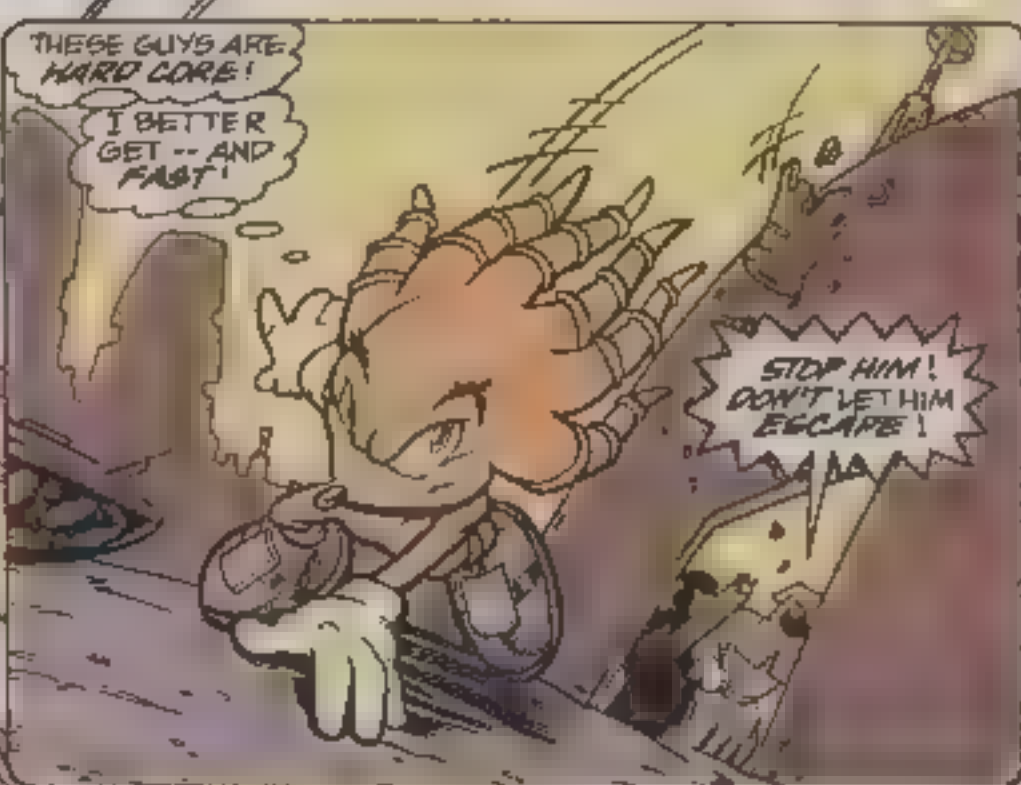
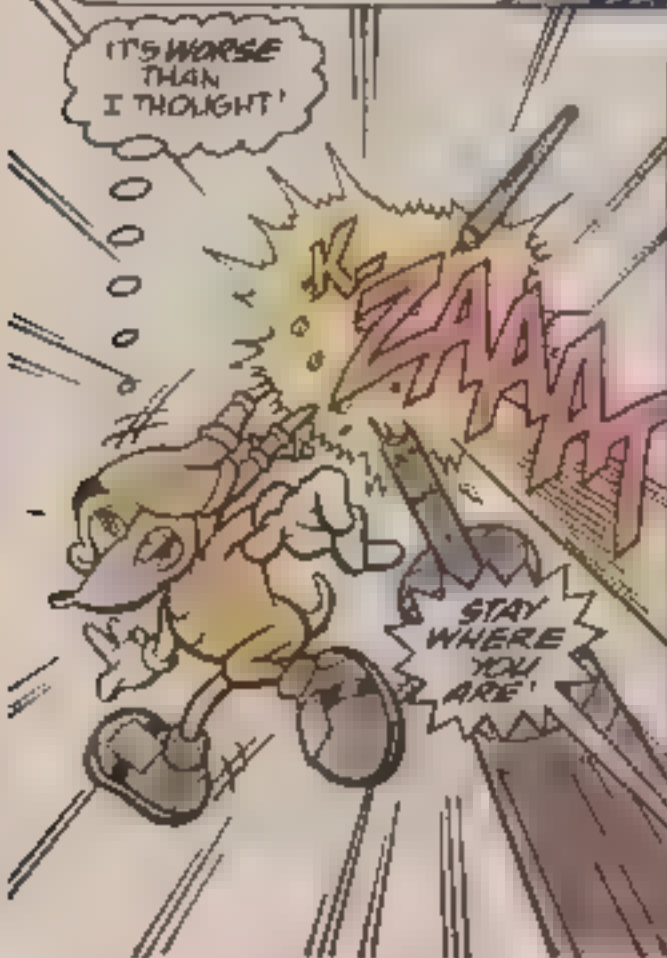
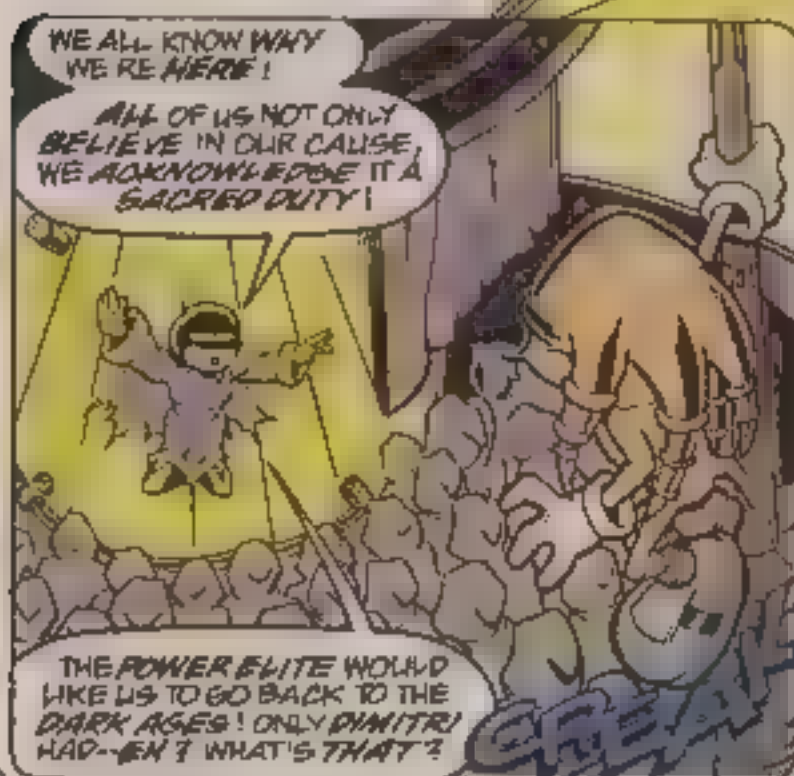
EXP. DATE / /
MO. YR.

AVAILABLE IN U.S. & CANADA ONLY. All Canadian orders must be made payable in U.S. currency or by international Money Order.









BE SURE NOT
TO MISS MY NEW
ONGOING SERIES OR
THESE GREAT BACK
ISSUES WHILE
THEY LAST!

48 PAGE
SPECIALS STILL
AVAILABLE!

#1
COLLECTOR'S
EDITION
COMES
WITH 48 PAGES
OF EXCLUSIVE
ART!

SNEAK PREVIEW
#1 ISSUE
32 PAGES

NOW AVAILABLE
A SIX ISSUE
SUBSCRIPTION TO...

☐ SABRINA the
TEENAGE WITCH \$7.50
(\$8.50-CANADA)

SAVE \$1.50
off the cover price

STILL AVAILABLE!

IN CASE YOU MISSED THEM
THE FIRST TIME !!

☐ SABRINA the TEENAGE
WITCH #1 \$1.50
(\$1.75-CANADA)

☐ SABRINA & HALLOWEEN
SPOOKTACULAR #1
(48 page) \$2.50
(\$3.00-CANADA)

☐ SABRINA'S HOLIDAY
SPECTACULAR #2
(48 page) \$2.00
(\$2.50-CANADA)

☐ SABRINA'S HOLIDAY
SPECTACULAR #3
(48 page) \$2.00
(\$2.50-CANADA)

ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS INC.

Sabrina's SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

P.O. Box #573 Mamaroneck, NY 10643-0573

POSTAGE
&
HANDLING
PAID

NAME _____ AGE _____ GENDER ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

ADDRESS _____

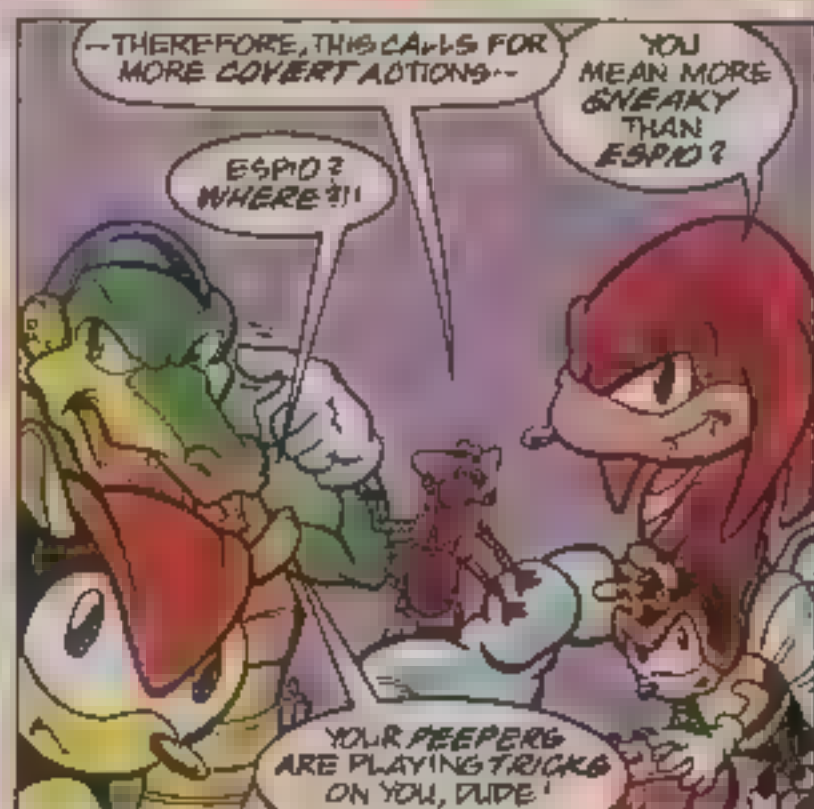
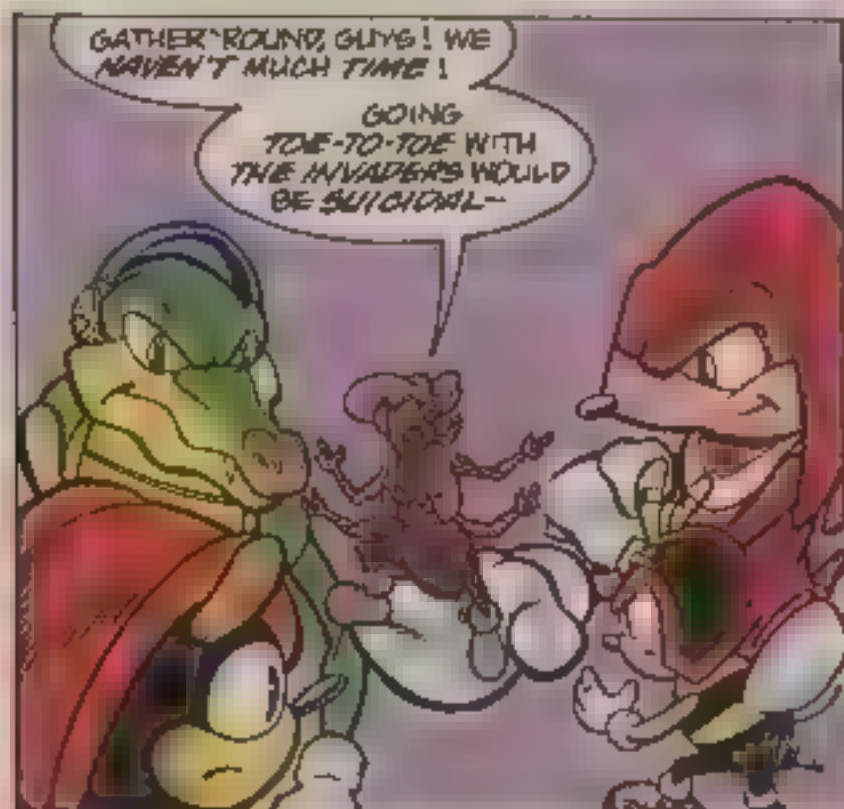
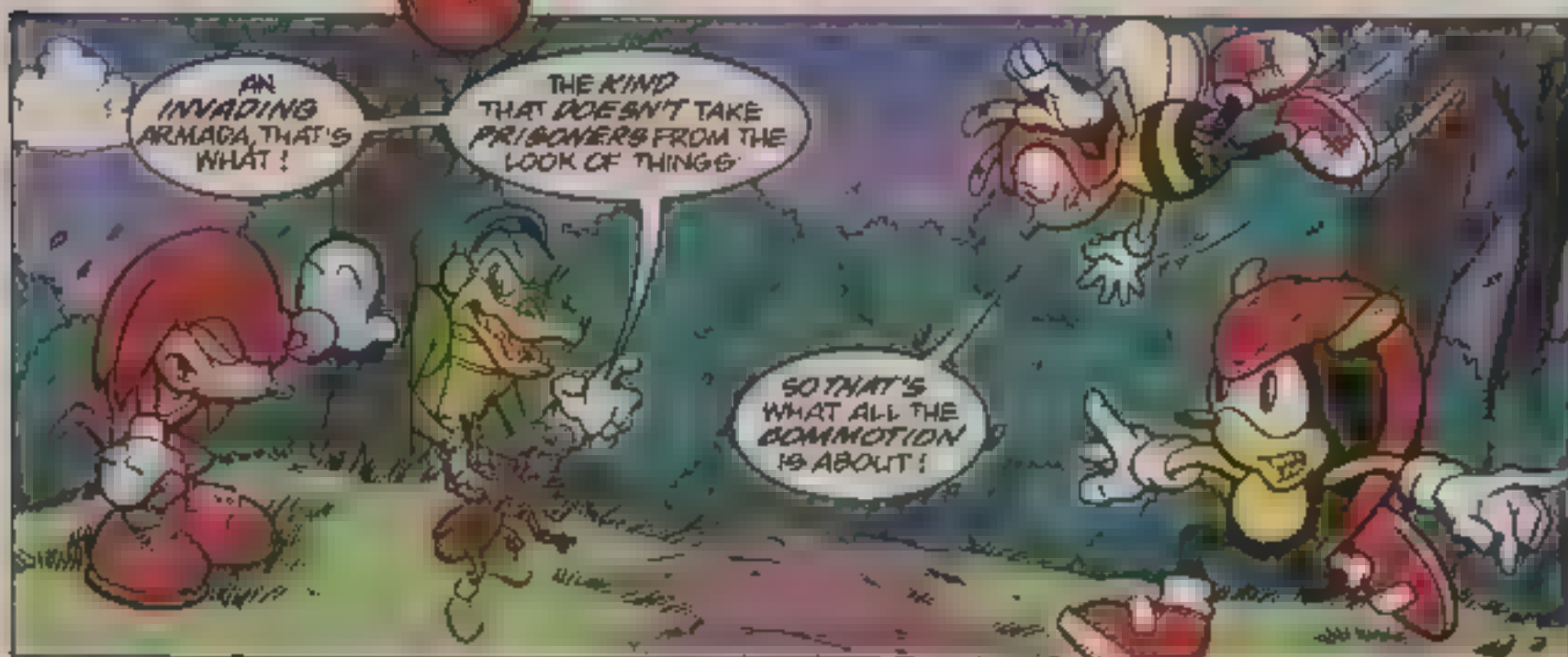
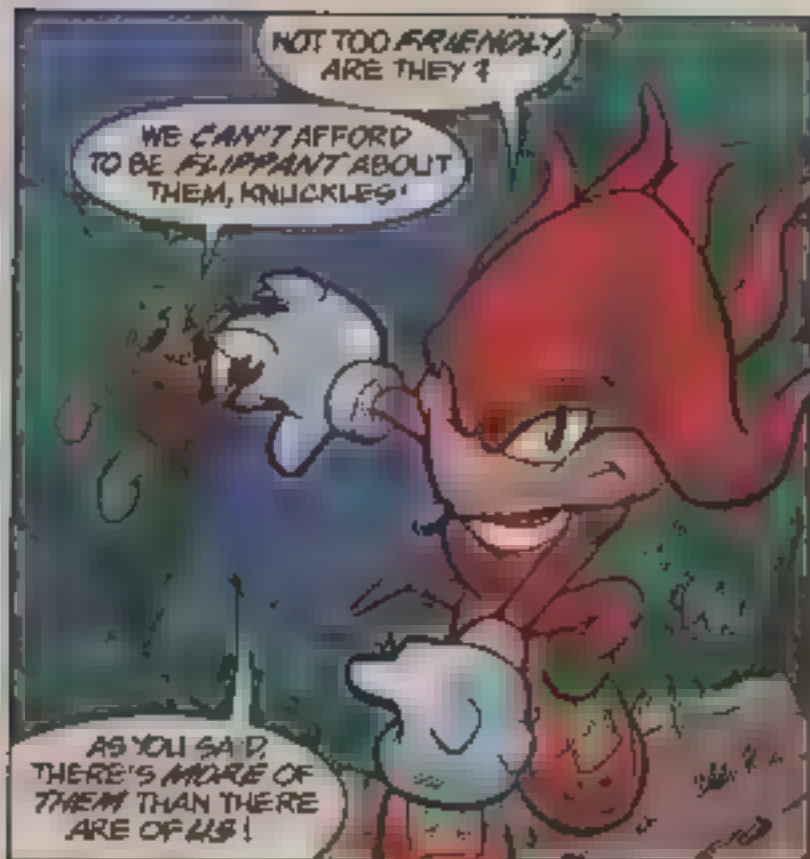
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

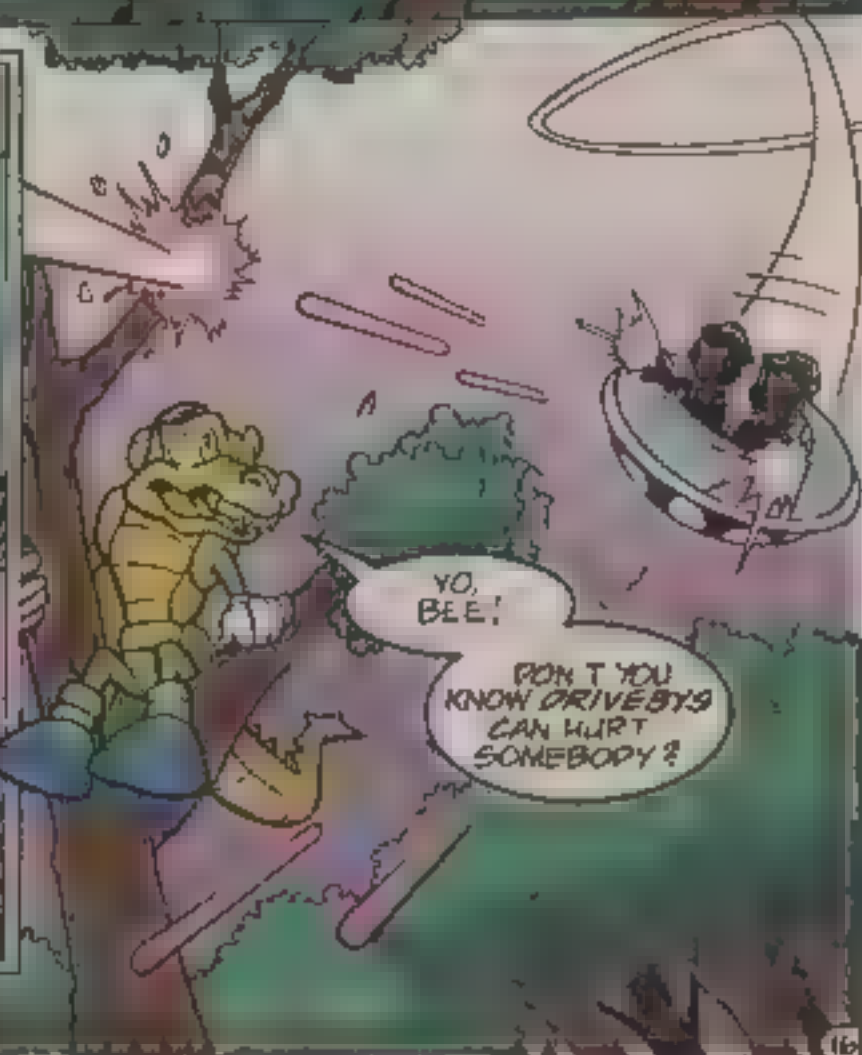
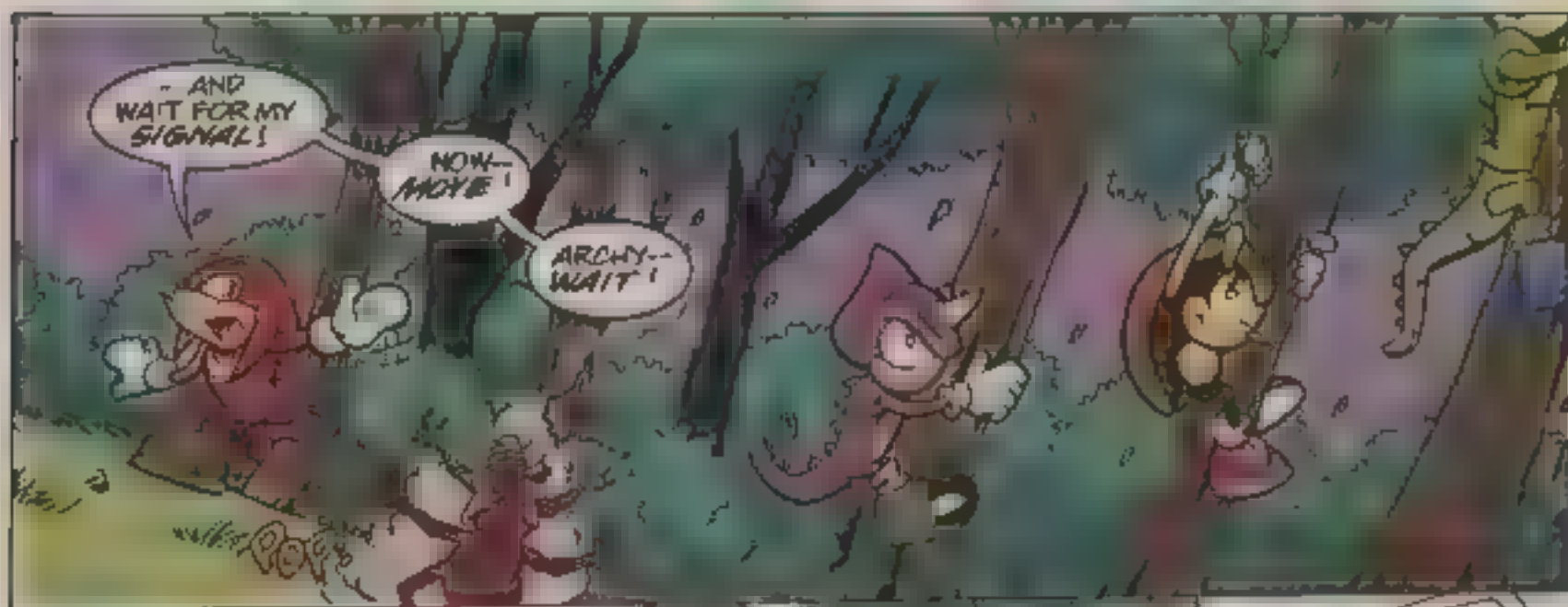
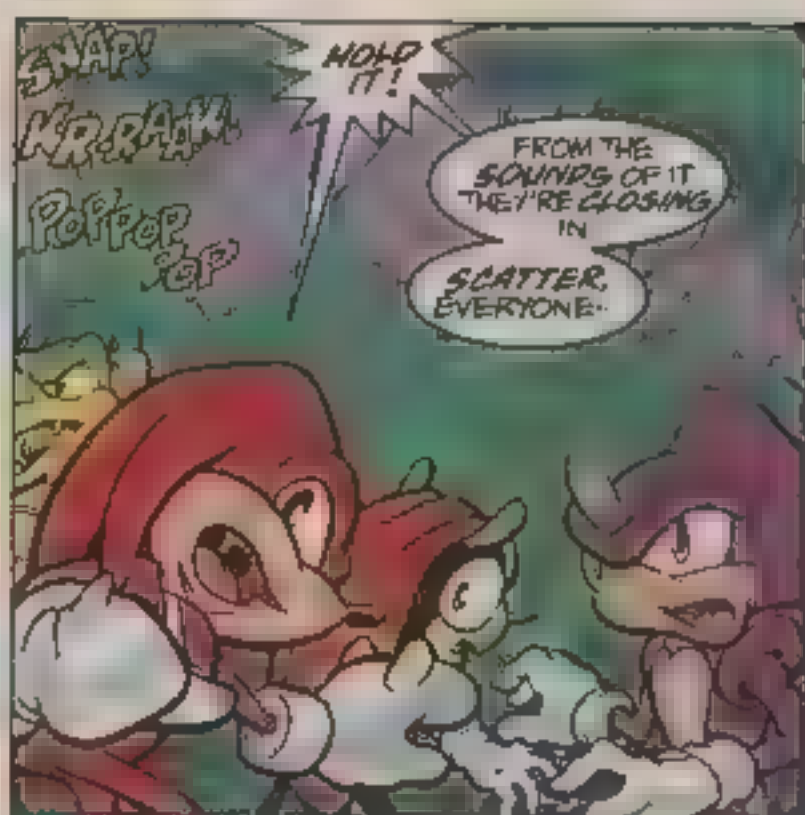
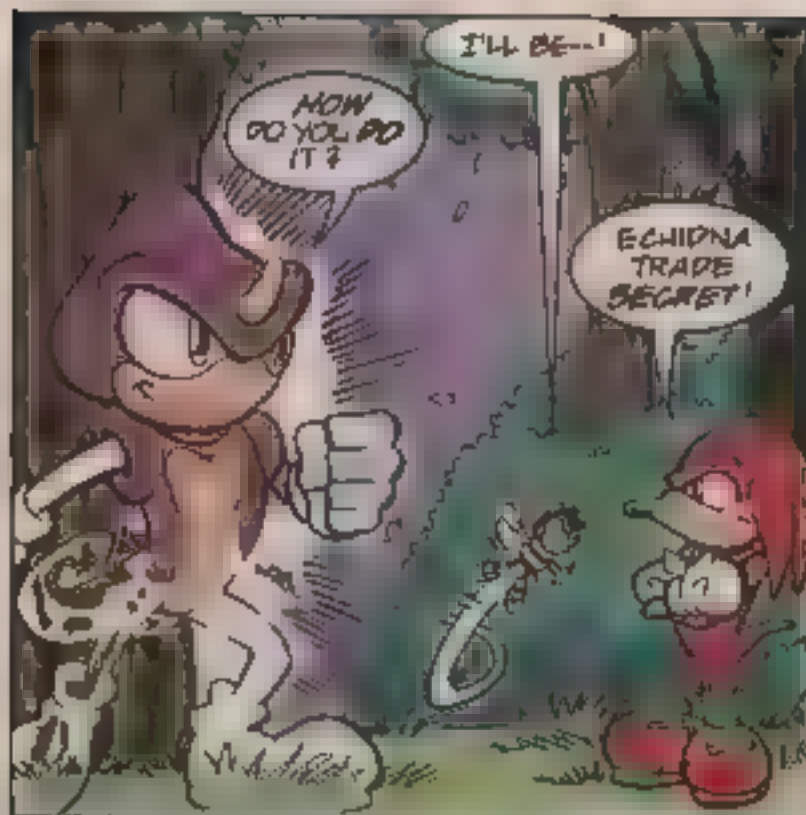
DAYTIME PHONE _____

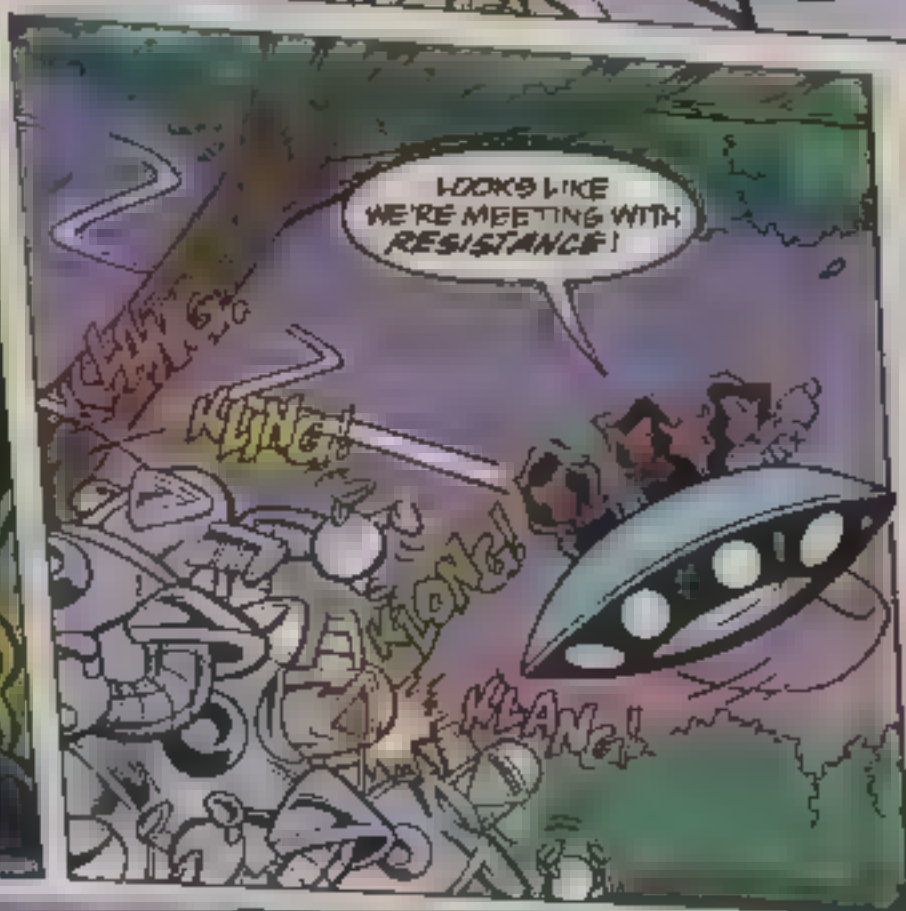
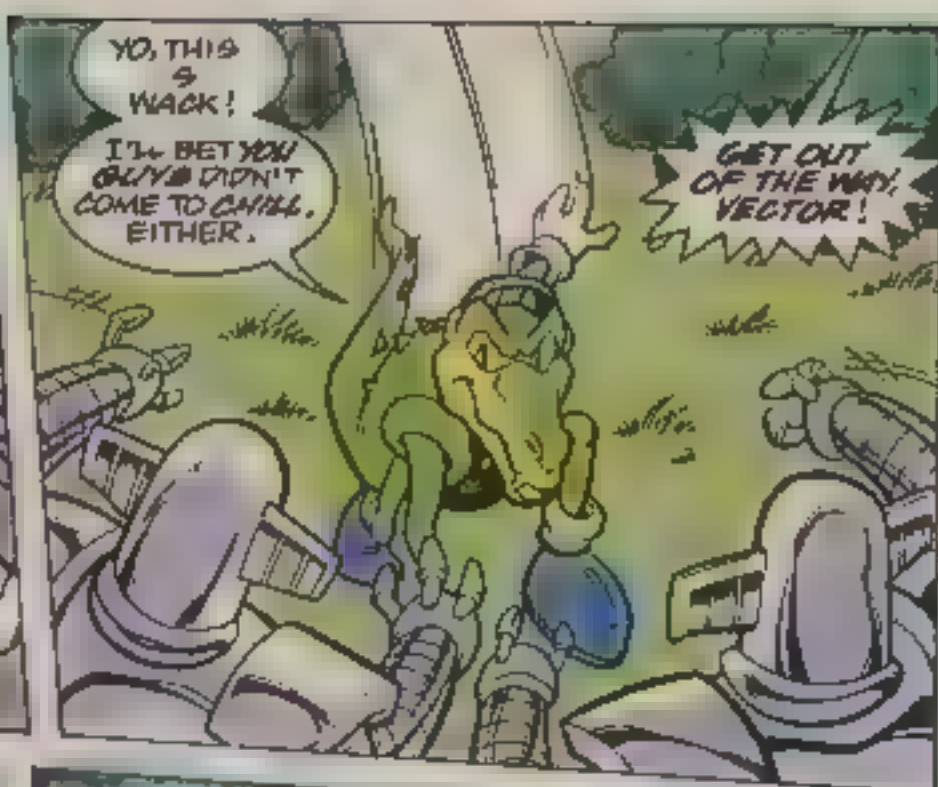
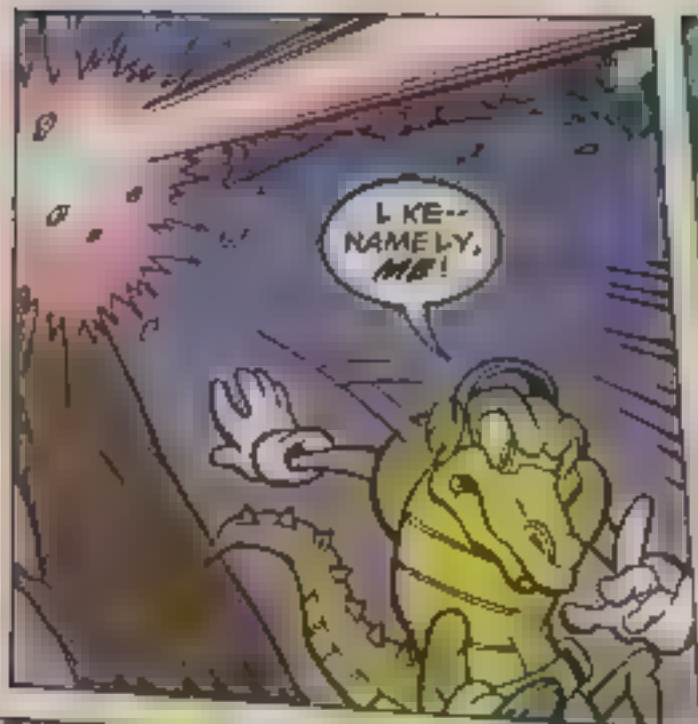
OFFER EXPIRES
MAY 31, 1997

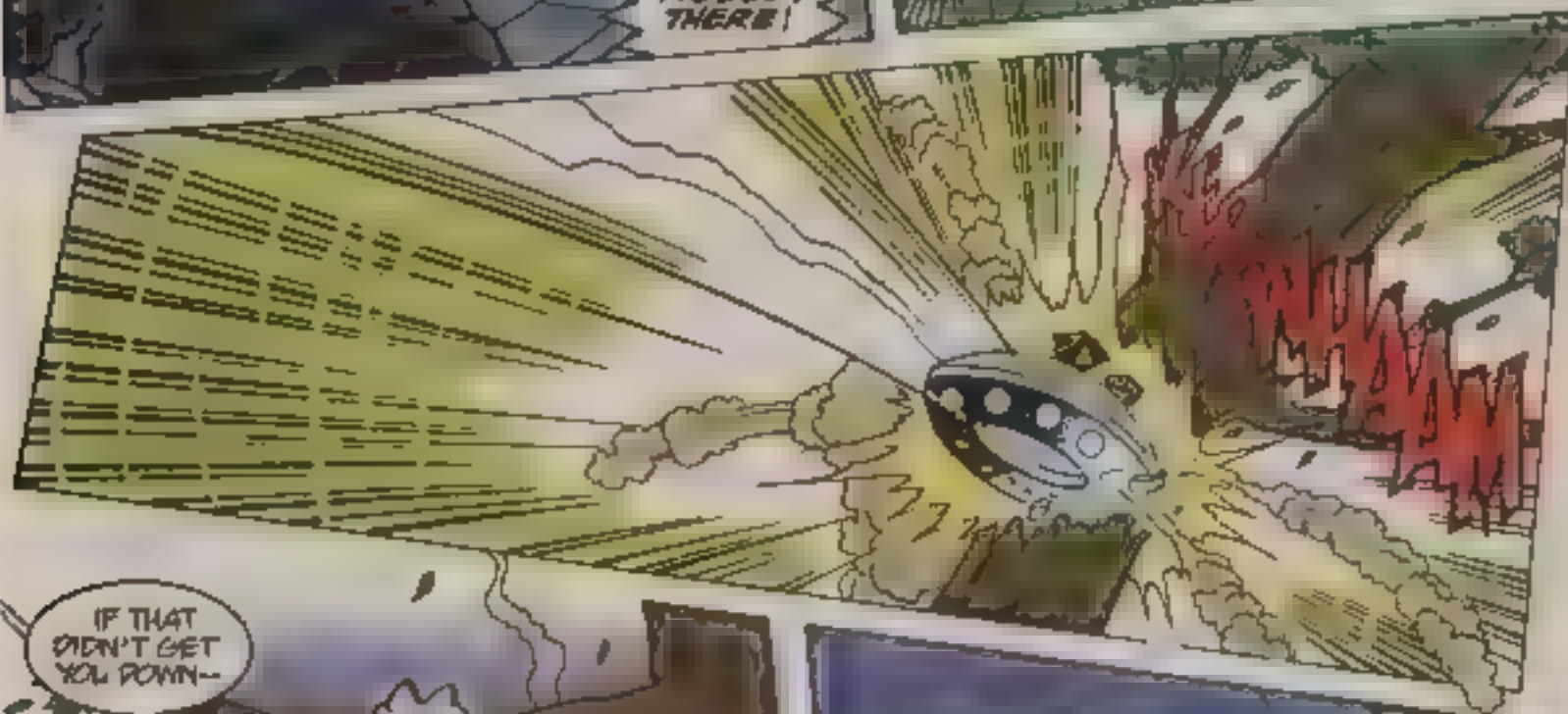
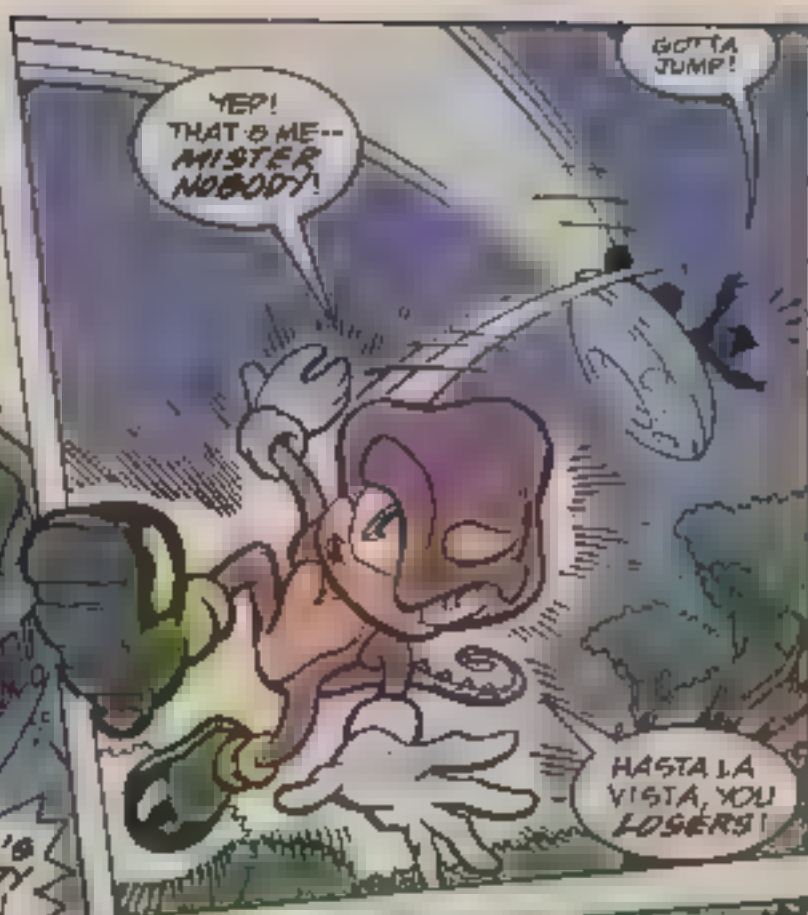
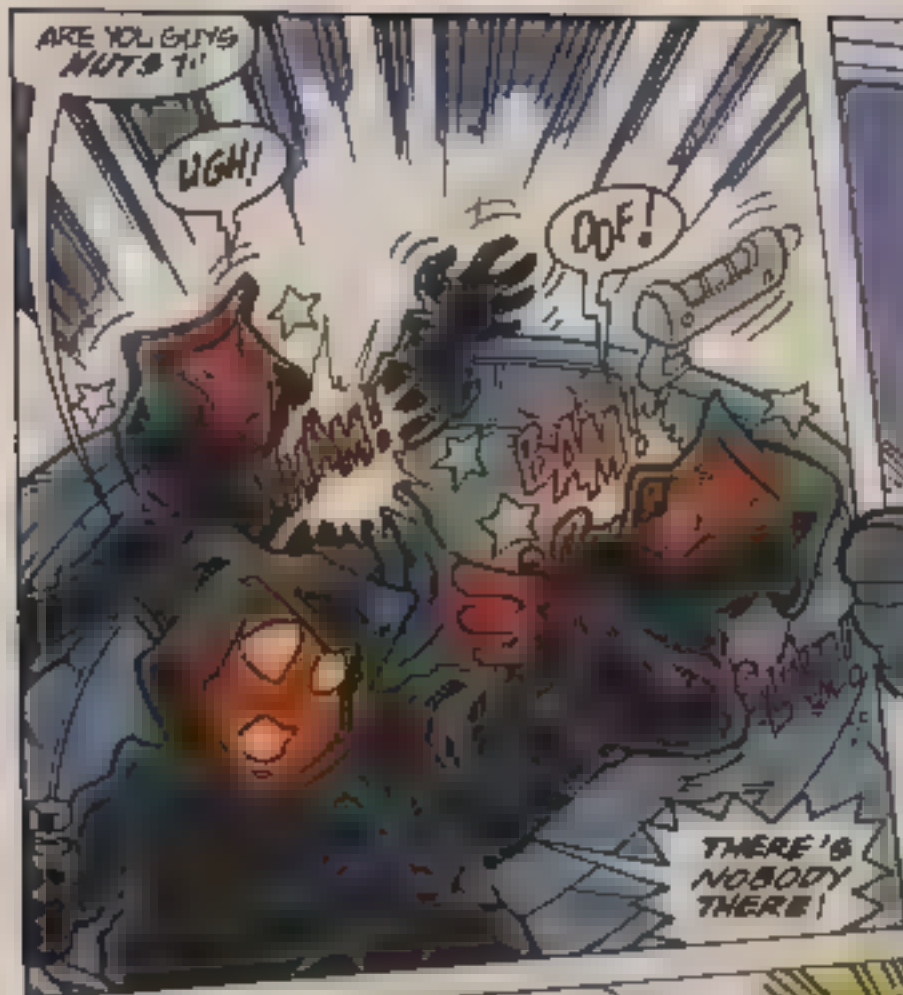
☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD

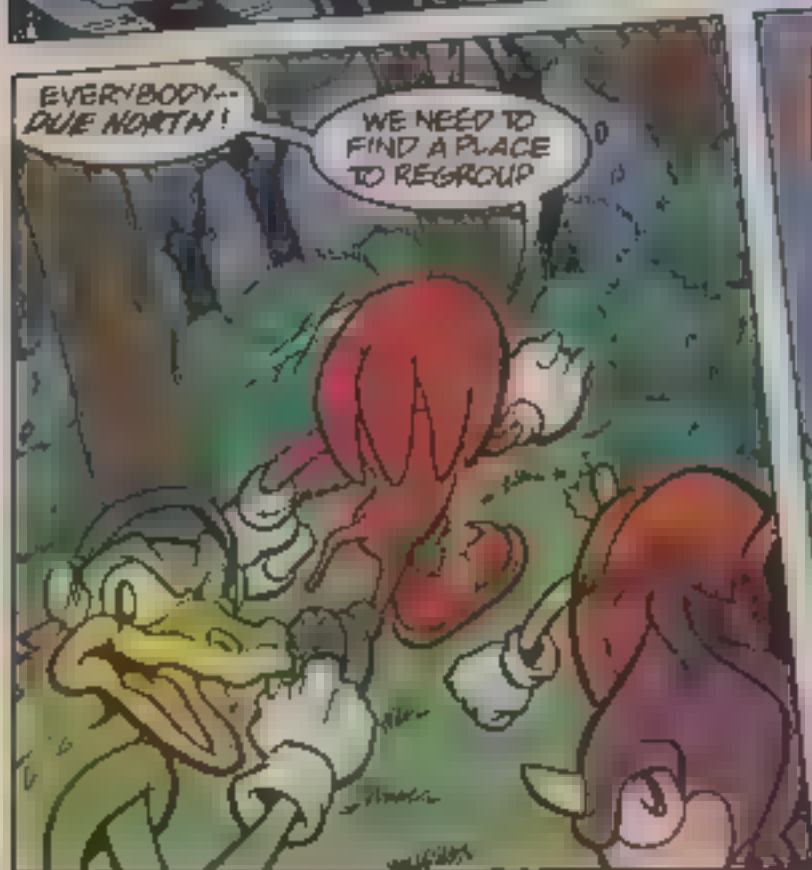
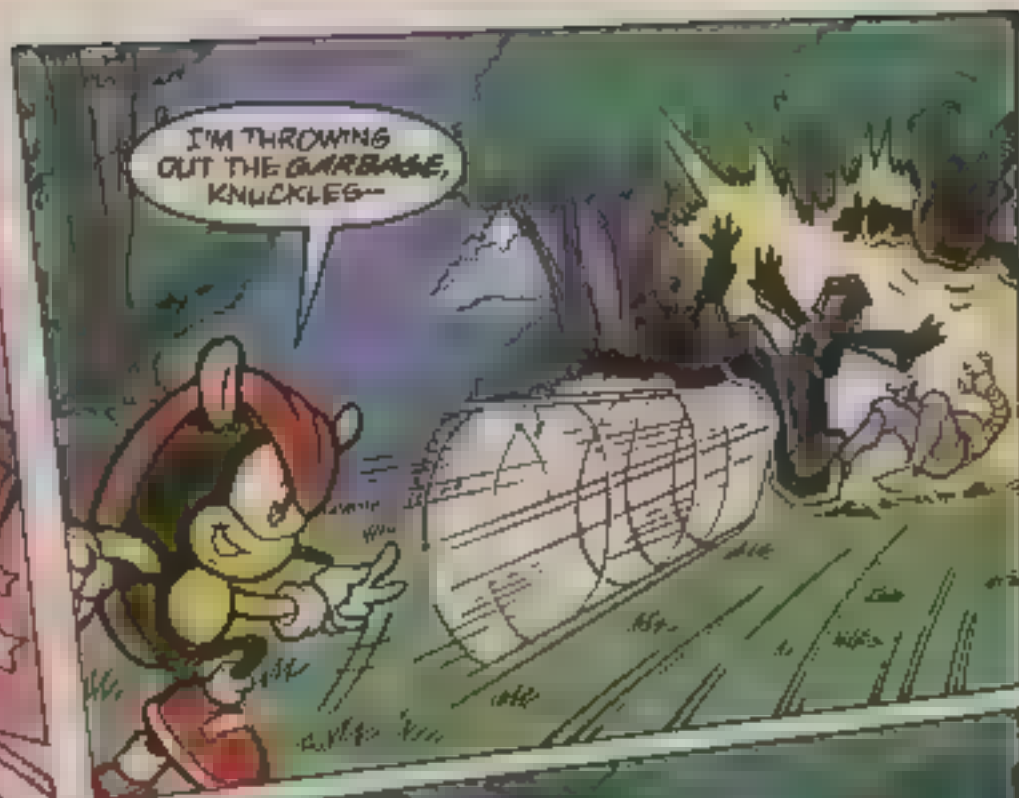
SIGNATURE _____ EXP. DATE _____

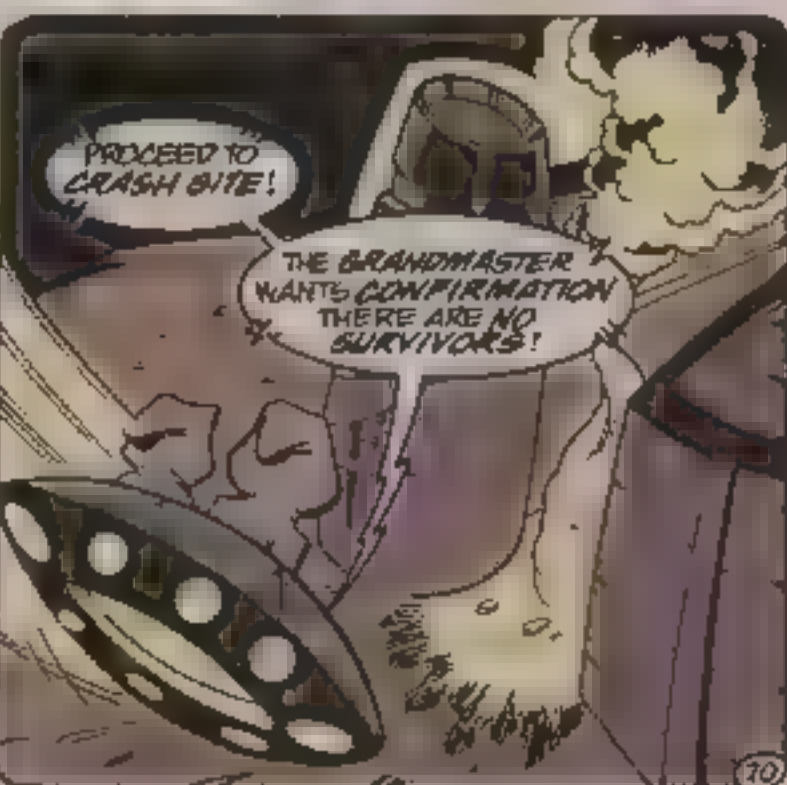
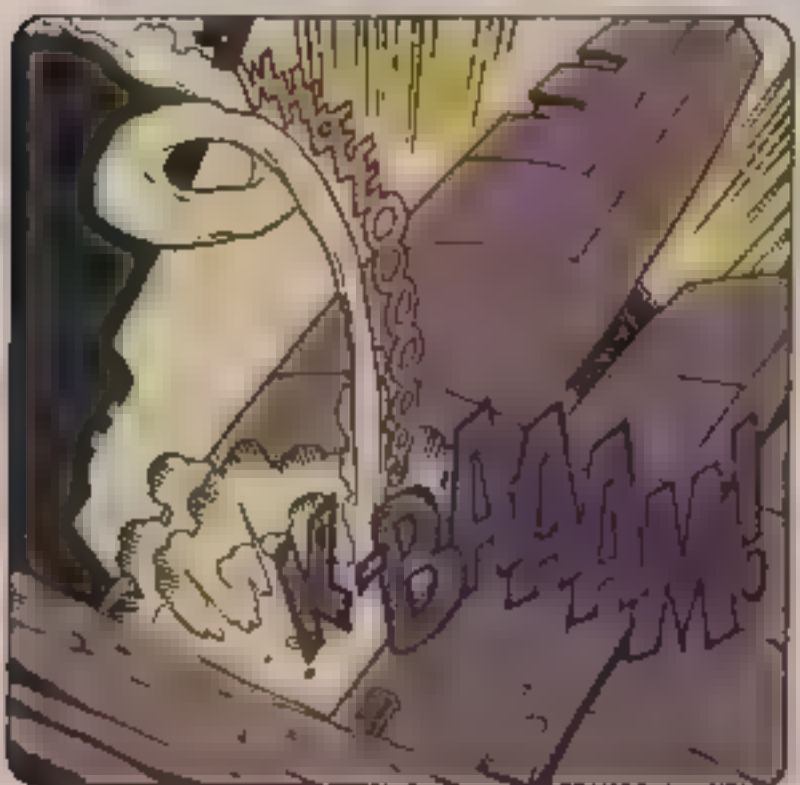
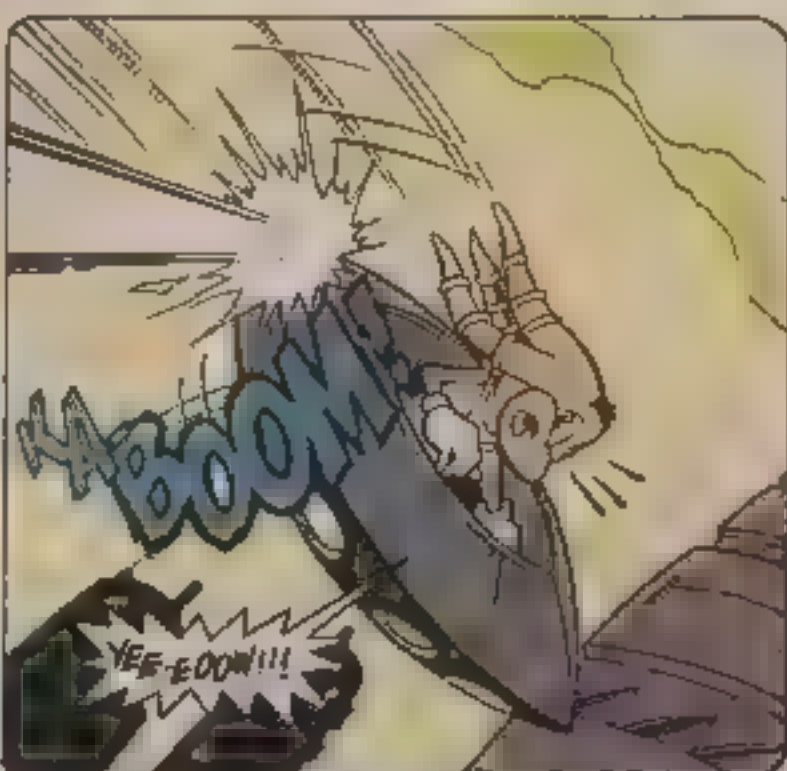
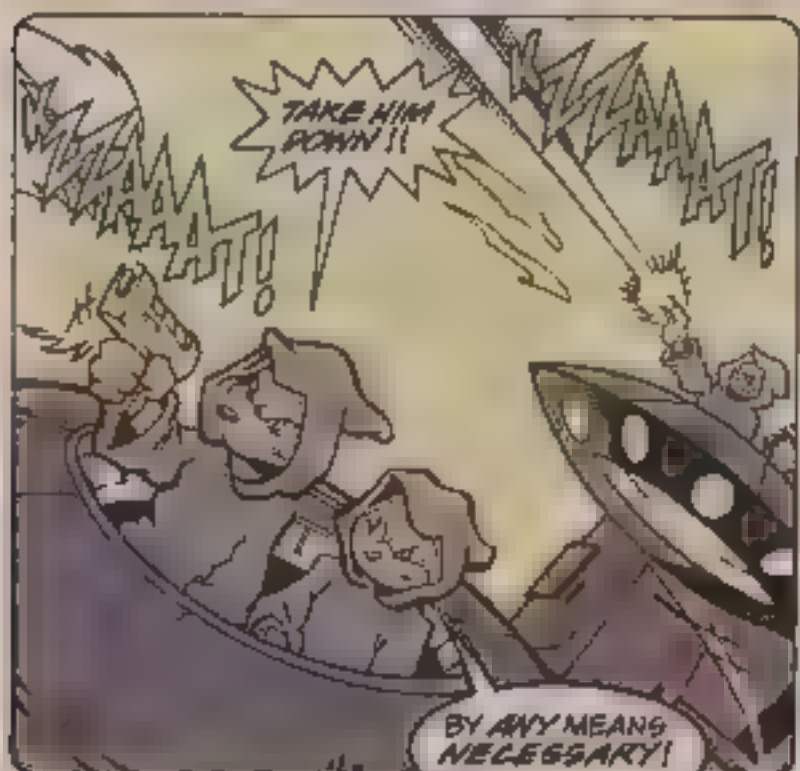
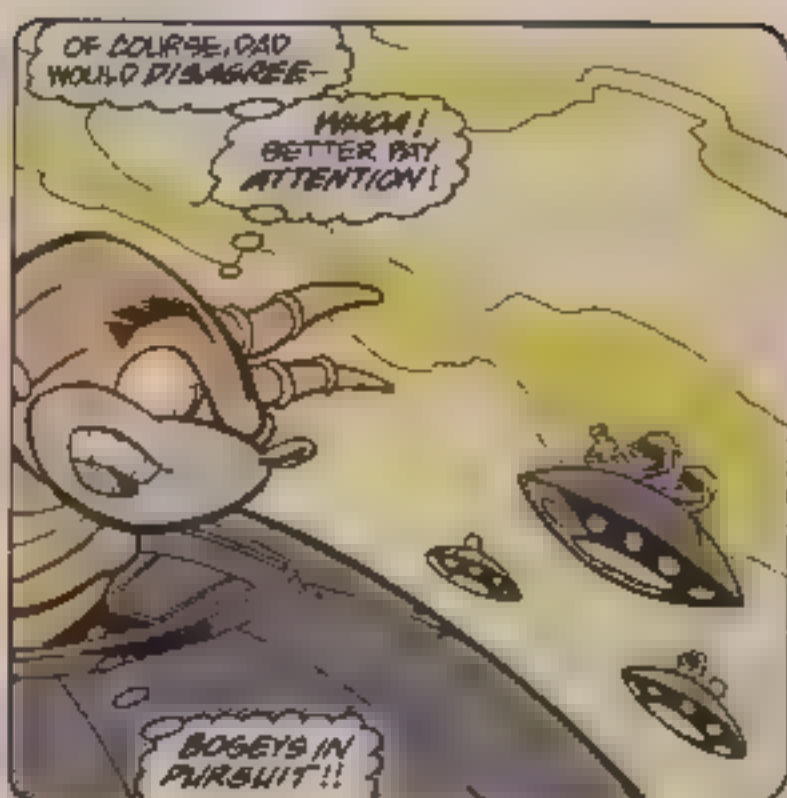
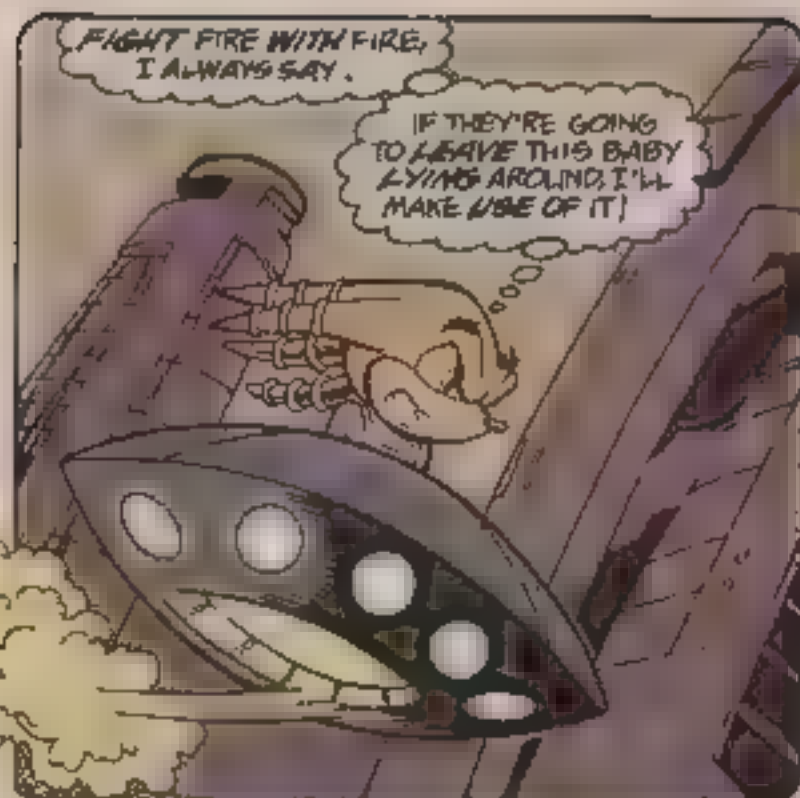


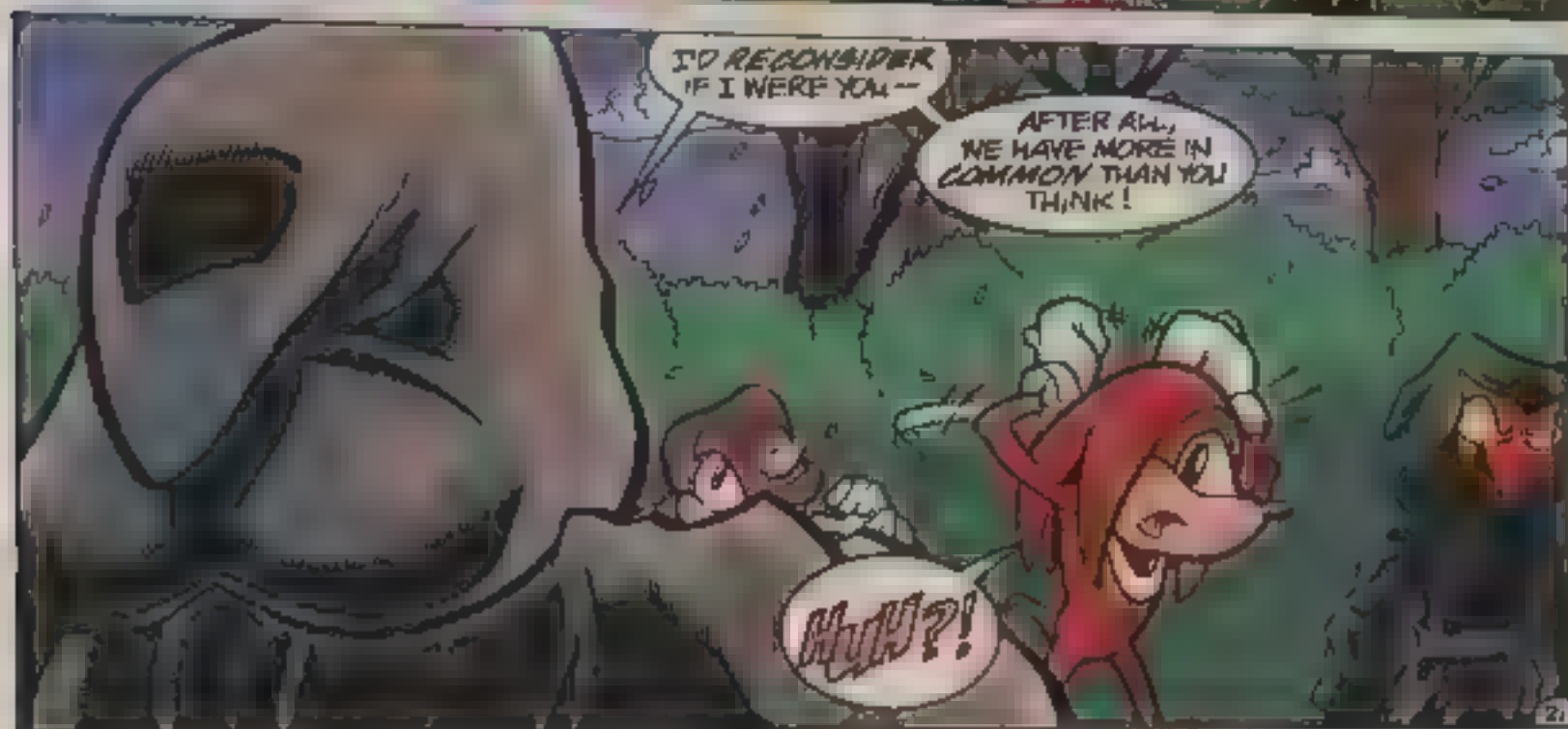
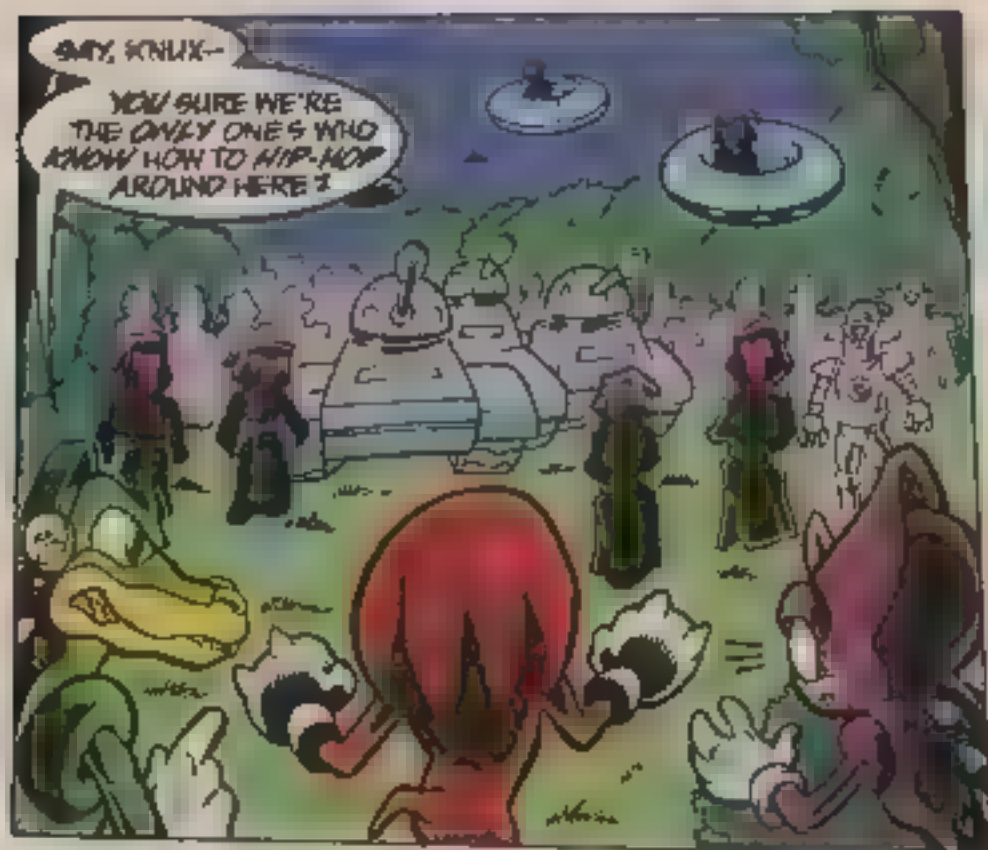












I AM
KRAGOKI!

JOIN ME--
AND TOGETHER
WE CAN RECLAIM OUR
BIRTHRIGHT.

CARRY ME--
AND YOU CAN CALL
ME YOUR WORST
NIGHTMARE!

WHAT'S
IT GOING TO
BE?

TO BE
CONTINUED...





J. Freddy Sobrie
Editor



Welcome to the first issue of Knuckles' second mini-series. Knuckles has come a long way since the SONIC 3 game and his first appearance in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #15. From those early beginnings to now, being an integral part of the Sonic mythos is quite an amazing feat for our "Red Red!" As Knuckles' mysterious past begins to unravel before his very eyes (and lucky us, we get to watch it with him), he will begin to learn what it truly means to be "Guardian of the Floating Island." It will be tough to deal with but then, so is he!

TREDDY

Dear Knuckles,

I have been a fan of yours since your appearance in SONIC #15. I positively loved your solo stories "A Sense Of History" in SONIC #34-36. Your mini-series "Rise Of Passage" was a really outstanding. Art Mawboney and an outstanding show of periods. Ken Penders and Mike Kazerooni must go out of their way to create such a fantastic script. I do have some questions for the noble guardian. 1) Does the white ring around your neck represent your status as Guardian? 2) Why did Artemides appear in any more contact with you? 3) What happened to the other echidnas on the Floating Island? 4) Why did your father enter The Forbidden Zone? 5) What kind of past relationship did you have with Princess Sally?

I hope someday you will return your father. Also, here is a little suggestion: Give the heroix team a chance. You may not believe me but I do think very much for you, especially Mighty. Until next time Noble Guardian.

Wendy Putter
Hampdenville, NC

Thanks, Wendy. any fan of mine is a friend to the end. Hopefully you will find this series up to the same standard of quality you were used to

from my solo stories and my last mini-series. And what do you think of the Penders/Taylor story team and the Galen Papay art team. Enquiring minds want to know. Speaking of which, on to your questions: 1) In a way you are correct. All my ancestors have it (a hereditary mark) and since they all happen to be Guardians (except for one which will remain nameless) it has become symbolic to the status as Guardian. 2) As you can see, he is. 3 & 4) Time will tell. 5) Check out SONIC #44 for the answer.

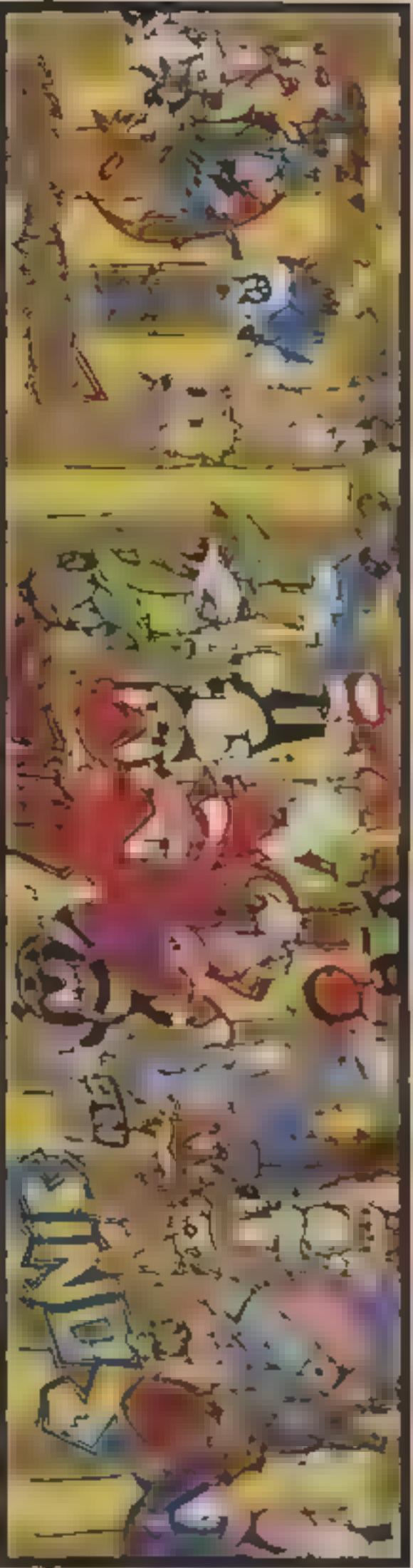
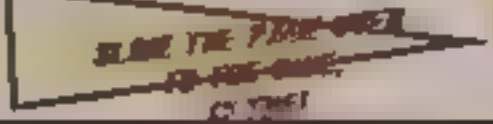
Dear Son & Knuckles,

I think a regular Knuckles monthly series is a great idea so do my friends Ben and Max. I have a couple of questions. 1. Is there any way I can be dubbed an official "Freedom Fighter"? 2. Are Sonic's shoes aerodynamic or a design? 3. What did Sally mean when she said "Never again shall we fight" in 9 PYR SONIC VS HYPER KNuckles #15.

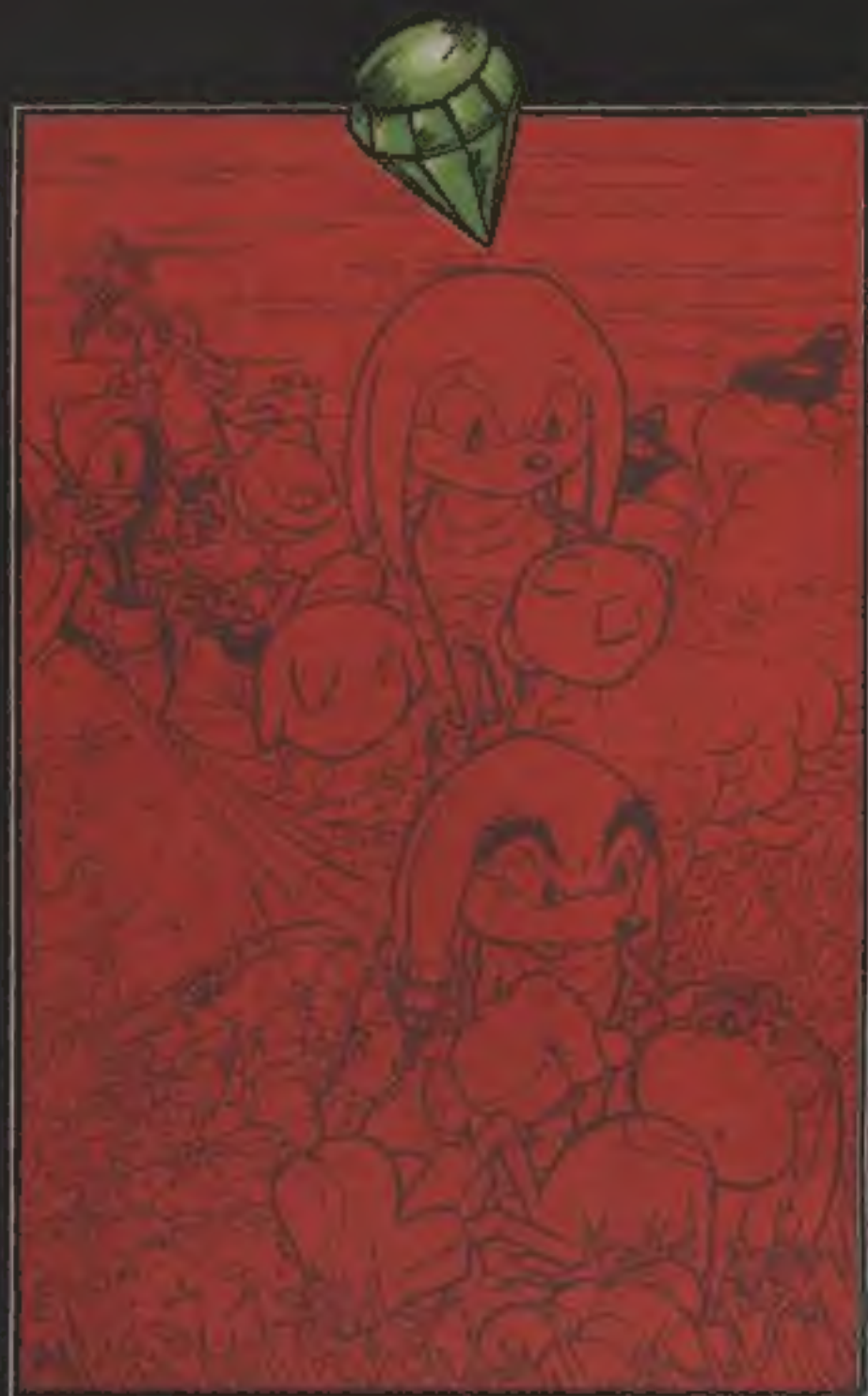
Special #1, Page 29, Page 57
Robert Smith
W Lafayette, IN

How's it going, Bob? I'm glad you think I should have my own monthly but I don't think the kid with the blue quills can take the competition. But beggars can't be choosers. This mini-series is mighty fine with me. 1 & 2) I don't know, only Sonic can answer those questions and he decided not to show up. Kmpf. 3) See answer #2 to Wendy's letter.

I'd like to thank Evan, Ken Penders and the dudes at Heroix Age for their gorgeous work on the triple-combo covers. To commemorate this, I'd like to print a combo fan drawing by Ala Muhammed from Chicago, IL. Thanks, guy!



Be sure to check out the other... (text is too small to read)



KNUCKLES BOOK 2 OF 3 THE DARK LEGION

▲
KEN PENDERS/KENT TAYLOR
STORY

MANNY GALAN
PENCILS

ANDREW PEPOY
INKS

▼
COMING IN FEBRUARY

SONIC CHECKLIST

BACK ISSUES*

individually poly-bagged
with backing boards.

SONIC REGULAR SERIES*

- ☐ NO. 1- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 17- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 18- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 19- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 20- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 21- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 22- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 23- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 24- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 26- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 27- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 28- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 29- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 30- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 31- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)
- ☐ NO. 32- \$2.50 (\$3.00 - CAN)

- ☐ **TAILS**
3 ISSUE MINI-SERIES*
\$8.00 (\$7.00 - CAN)

- ☐ **PRINCESS SALLY**
3 ISSUE MINI-SERIES*
\$8.00 (\$7.00 - CAN)

- ☐ **SONIC & KNUCKLES***
(48 pg. Special)
\$3.00 (\$3.50 - CAN)

- ☐ **SONIC TRIPLE
TROUBLE***
(48 pg. Special)
\$3.00 (\$3.50 - CAN)

HURRY!
WHILE
SUPPLIES
LAST!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- ☐ **SONIC 6 ISSUES**
\$7.50 (\$8.50 - CAN)

- ☐ **SONIC 12 ISSUES**
\$16.00 (\$17.00 - CAN)
(GET THE 13TH ISSUE FREE!)

- ☐ **SONIC QUEST - THE
DEATH EGG SAGA!**
(3 issue mini-series)
\$4.50 (\$5.50 - CAN)

- ☐ **SONIC'S FRIENDLY
NEMESIS KNUCKLES**
(3 issue mini-series)
\$4.50 (\$5.50 - CAN)

- ☐ **SONIC BLAST**
(48 pg. Special)
\$2.00 (\$2.50 - CAN)

NEW!

ON SALE IN JAN.

- ☐ **SONIC LIVE!**
(48 pg. Special)
\$2.00 (\$2.50 - CAN)

- ☐ **SONIC & KNUCKLES
MECHA MADNESS**
(48 pg. Special)
\$2.00 (\$2.50 - CAN)

- ☐ **SUPER SONIC VS
HYPER KNUCKLES**
(48 pg. Special)
\$2.00 (\$2.50 - CAN)

MAIL THIS
ENTIRE PAGE TO

ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.
SONIC CHECKLIST!
P.O. BOX #573, MAMARONECK, NY 10548-0573

POSTAGE &
HANDLING
INCLUDED

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____ AGE _____ MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE # _____ OFFER EXPIRES MARCH 31, 1997
PLEASE ALLOW 6-8 WEEKS DELIVERY

SUBSCRIPTION
SUBTOTAL \$ _____

BACK ISSUES
SUBTOTAL \$ _____

**TOTAL
AMOUNT
ENCLOSED \$ _____**

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD

SIGNATURE _____ EXP. DATE _____

AVAILABLE IN U.S. & CANADA ONLY. All Canadian orders must be made payable in U.S. currency or by International Money Order.

SO WE WERE HIKING TO THIS
REALLY COOL CAMPSITE FOR A
BOWL OF CAP'N CRUNCH!!



WHEN WE CAME TO THIS
WEIRD LOOKING BRIDGE!

THEN THE CAP'N DROPPED IN AND YELLED
"JUST THINK OF WHAT YOU WANT AND
GO FOR IT!"



THE THOUGHT OF THAT
SWEET DELICIOUS
CRUNCH GOT US RIGHT
OVER THAT BRIDGE!

HAT'S HOW WE GOT TO OUR
AWESOME CAMPSITE AND
OUR HUGE BOWLS OF
CAP'N CRUNCH® CEREAL!

YOU AND THE CAP'N
MAKE IT HAPPEN!



Best Friends Forever!

Best friends are for life.



Together you laugh,
keep secrets

and share everything,
even your favorite products.

Real bath & body products for real friends!

Smaackers®



S CENTSATIONAL m EDLEYS OF a SSORTED COOL k ICKIN' e XTRAORDINARY R EAL S ATISFACTION!

Get caught up in our web: www.bonnebell.com
We do not test on animals.

BONNE BELL®

B.F.F.